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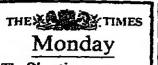
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The Olympics Does the Olympic flame still burn bright? Part one of a Spectrum Series



Bloody memorial Trevor Fishlock visits Grenada's "museum of liberation", and sees a bloodstained shirt

Blitzkrieg Ferdinand Mount looks at the Thatcher Blitzkrieg on middle class privilege

Women's theatre Monday Page examines the trials and tribulations of women's theatre

David Hands and Gerald Davies on Rugby competitions in England and Walcs

#### Reprieve for Scott Lithgow

Hopes of saving the Scott Lithgow yard brightened after Briton extended the deadline for cancelling its vital rig order with the Clydeside yard. Trafalgar House is now ready for detailed talks with Britoil on

completion of the North Sea rig. already two years late. The extension will give rival bidders more time to complete nego-tiations for the yard Page 21

#### Kidnap charge

A man aged 27 has been charged with kidnapping Mr Rayindra Mhatre, aged 48, the Indian assistant commissioner in Birmingham who disap-peared and was found dead in

#### ) ards shake-up

The Royal Dockyards may soon e competition from private ands for some warship reni work, after their efficiency was criticized by the Comptroller and Auditor General

#### Benn prediction

Mr Tony Benn said a landslide Labour victory in Chesterfield will force the Prime Minister to change course or lead to her heing ousted as Conservative Party leader

#### Basra shelled

Iranian troops shelled Basra and claimed to have seized the oil-rich Iraqi islands in the Al

#### Murder verdict

Norman Smith was found guilty of the murder of Susan Renhard, an art student, in the Derbyshire Peak District last June. He was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's

#### Lyrical shares

The Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, west London, hopes to raise £100,000 to stage its most successful productions in the West End by offering shares which will attract full tax relief under the Business Expansion Scheme Family money, page 25

#### ETA jeered

Thousands of mourners chanted anti-ETA slogans at the funeral in San Sebastian of the assassinated Socialist politician, Enrique Casas Vila Page 6

#### Enrique Casas Vila Rugby return

Peter Winterbottom returns to the England Rugby Union team to play France next week. The forward missed last Saturday's match against Ireland because of a hip injury

Letters, On youth training, form Lady Faithfull, and Mr R kilroy-Silk, MP. EEC com-missioners, from Mr G Harris: transplants from Canon G B

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Features, pages 6-8 Not an interview with Samuel Beckett; a rift over the video nasty report: future of the British Council: Fleet Street's

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Obituary, page 10
The Rev Dr Sherwin Bailey,
Colonel W J Shoolbred.

# Murray supports wider action over GCHQ ban

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Union leaders' anger over Mrs Thatcher's refusal to lift the union ban at GCHQ could spill over into direct defiance of labour laws.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said sesterday that he would support what could amount to unlawful secondary action by non civil service unions on a "day of action" next Tuesday. Civil servants have been urged to hold rallies, demonstrations and a half-day stoppage.

Speaking on Radio 4 vester-day. Mr Murray said: "If members of other unions support their civil service colleagues by acting in the same way, that will be OK by me."

Asked if that would be unlawful, he said: "I don't know. What I do know is that it is a call for just and proper action in defence of a freedom intrinsic to democracy. That is and must be, our paramount

He urged all trade unionists employed in essential services, to show their "outrage and to stage a half-day strike. repugnance" of government actions. The labour movement's anger over the ban was reinforced on Thursday when Mrs Thatcher met a union deputation and rejected guaranices on the maintenance of essential intelligence services at

at the centre are exempted from the half-day

Mr Murray's comments constitute the first time he has in effect supported defiance of the the council's policy committee, law in any specific dispute, said that the TUC's "inner law in any specific dispute, said that the TUC's "inner although he has not acknowl- cabinet", the finance and

**BA** dispute

delays 30,000

By Our Labour Reporter

will have been delayed by the 24-hour strike by British Air-

The protest is due to end roday.

Terminals were crowded with

frustrated, but most of them

were rebooked on other flights.

These totals include all

overseas European and dom-

estic services, scheduled to be

operated by British Airways

British Airways, which put the cost of the action at £4m,

said last night that they expected most flights would be

back to normal today, but there

may be some delays.

The action by a total of 4,500

members of the British Airways

Stewards and Stewardesses Association, a branch of

the Transport and General

Workers' Union, was the first of

a planned campaign of 24-hour

The cabin crews are protest-

ing about a two-year pay deal worth 4 per cent this year and 5

per cent in 1985 linked to a

The only other group to reject

the offer are the 6.700 engineer-

ing and maintenance workers, who have been asked by their

leaders to stage an all-out strike,

or accept the deal. It was understood that they had

pledged they would not refuel

some flights using "blackleg"

The union has said that

reopened nego-

vesterday's strike would be the

first among many unless the

company reopened nego-tiations. No meetings between

Mr Michael Coleman, shop

steward for short haul cabin crews, said. "The disruption to

passengers is totally regrettable.

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

seized control of the Libyan

Embassy in London and are threatening to "break off diplomatic relations" with Britain unless Mrs Thatcher's

government mends its ways in

way they are," a spokesman

said vesterday at the elegant St

James's Square embassy -officially described as a people's

The Revolutionary Students Force in Britain marched on the building last weekend.

apparently dissatisfied with the

performance of the ruling

"Things cannot go on the

the Middle East.

burcau - in London.

A group of students have

All we want is a decent living

the two sides are planned.

profit-sharing scheme.

through Heathrow.

strikes.

cabin crews.

wage.

according to the company.

More than 30,000 passengers

edged its illegality. He refused to countenance support for unlawful action in the Stockport

There is little doubt that the Cabinet will interpret strikes by unions outside the Civil Service as breaching the law on secondary action. There is little doubt the courts would agree.

However, it was not clear last night what support there would be for such stoppages, although Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General, Mu-nicipal, Boilermakers and Al-

Support for industrial action outside the Civil Service grew when Mr Les Wood, general secretary of UCATT, the 280,000-strong construction workers union, called on mem-bers to strike for half a day on

lied Trades Union, told The Times that he wanted all his members, apart from those In another development ves-

terday, the Council of Civil Service Unions promised to make up the pay of anyone dismissed from GCHQ for refusing rio give up union membership. All employees have been

given until Thursday to re-nounce their right to union membership, If they do. thy will be given £1.000. The alternative is transfer, or dismissal.

Mr Bill McCall, chairman of

purposes committee. which meets in emergency session on Monday, would be asked to agree to financial support should it be needed.

Mr McCall said that initial legal opinion led them to believe the unions would have "good grounds" for taking the Government to court. He said anyone dismissed could count on union support in suing for damages for breach of contract. Other legal action is planned

through acts of human rights If anyone was dismissed from GCHQ, there was little doubt it would provoke "intensive" industrial action throughout the Civil Service, Mr McCall said. Civil Service union officials last night told GCHQ staff; "keep your nerves, stay cool: there is safety in numbers" (Craig Seton writes).

Union leaders feel the Government's stand is putting great pressure on those who have not yet signed option forms to give up their union membership or seek a transfer, Last night in Cheltenham they organized another staff meeting and for the first time since the dispute began, barred the press because members canted advice on what to do

Officials want to convince staff that the March I deadline for signing the forms will not mark the beginning of dis-missals for those refusing to sign. They believe that Mr Peter Marychurch, director of GCHQ, has been given considerable leeway on when to introduce the ban.

#### Israelis open fire on Arab civilians ~ From Robert Fisk, Beirut

As a Saudi-sponsored cease-

fire took effect along the front line in Beinut yesterday, thou- Israeli vehicles had arrived in sands of Shia Muslims in Maarake and that troops had southern Lebanon demonmosques after Israeli troops had ppened fire amid a crowd of civilians in the village of

Police reports from the area Of the 1,000 stewards and spoke of up to four dead and 25 stewardesses due at work vesterday only 50 turned up. The strike is in protest at a pay civilians wounded by Israelis after stones had been thrown at a convoy of their offer worth per cut over two military vehicles. Local Israeli officers, who originally said that h is understood that only eight of the airlines 149 no one had been hurt, were reported last night to have conceded that at least two departures left Heathrow. Out of 141 arrivals only 39 civilians were wounded. managed to get in to the airport.

A spokesman for the United Nations force, which patrols that area of southern Lebanon. said that he had heard one man had died and It other civilians had been injured in the incident, which is sure to worsen even further the already embittered relations between Israel's occupation forces and the Shia Muslim population of southern Lebanon.

Only a week ago, Shaikh Rageb Harb, the Shia leader in the neighbouring village of Jibchit and an outspoken critic of the Israelis, was murdered near his home and local villagers blamed Israeli agents for the killing.

A broadcast on Beirut state radio said that a convoy of 30 begun arresting youths in the said, broke out after crowds of villagers had gathered beside their mosque and thrown stones at the soldiers. United Nation units reported hearing four loud explosions after the Israelis cordoned off the village.

The United Nations reported that Israeli ambulances and helicopters were taking casu alties from Maarake to hospitals in Sidon and Tyre. Soon afterwards, a hand grenade was thrown at an Israell patrol in the main square in Sidon; the Israelis later said none of their men had been hurt.

There were a few infractions of the Beirut truce towards evening as rocket-propelled grenades were fired across the "green line" dividing the city but, rather remarkably in view of the capital's hundreds of other doomed ceasetires, most of the militias obeyed the orders to stop shooting.
The Syrians had given their

support to the truce although the Saudis made it clear in Damascus yesterday that no political initiative was involved in the ceaselire arrangements: which means that neither side in Beirut is likely to feel much

#### Delhi alerts troops to move into Punjab

Libyan students occupy London embassy

Delhi (Reuter) - The Indian growing violence. The Army has been ordered to stand had been alcreed to move if the Army has been ordered to stand by ready to move into the state situation worsened. of Punjab if the situation worsens, official sources said last night. The death toll in four days of sectarian strife there

rose to 35. Two more people were shot dead and at least six seriously wounded vesterday in three separate extremist attacks, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

secretary-general, Mr Adem

News of their bloodless

coup, said to have been carried out in accordance with resol-

utions at this month's General

People's Congress in Tripoli,

emerged only yesterday. Colonel Gaddafi, Libya's

leader, was not consuited

before the students' action. But

"He always approves of popu-

The students' "temporary"

committee said at their first

Kuwiri.

attaché.

Paramilitary patrols have been stationed on Delhi's outskirts to prevent Punjab extremists from infiltrating the capital.

Fresh paramilitary reinforce ments arrived in the state yesterday as curlews in force for II days in six main Punjab towns were again extended. District administrators ordered The official sources said Mrs shops to close by dusk. Rail Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, heading a crisis patrols were increased, armed guards put on trains and committee of top officials, was passengers searched for weaseeking ways to contain the pons at stations.

press conference that they

wanted to improve Libya's relations with Britain and the

intransigence in her hostile

position towards the Libyan

Arab People, her alignment with the enemies of the Arab

nation and her continued

intervention in the Arab

people's internal affairs, These

"But we look to Britain's



## face three hostile receptions

By Staff Reporters The Prime Minister and two of her senior colleagues faced hostile receptions at three

separate venues vesterday. An egg hit Mrs Margaret. Thatcher's cas in Warwick: Mr Cecil Parkinson was prevented by a jeering mob from speaking to Essex University students; and Mr Norman Tebbit was told to get on his bike in intingham.

The Prime Minister smiled throughout her ordeal: the Secretary of State for Trade and ludustry turned his misfortune to advantage: but Mr Parkinson, Mr Tebbit's prede cessor, was jostled, kicked and pelted with eggs and tomatoes n Colchester.

Mrs Thatcher's Daimler was also showered with paper p ace doves when she arrived to a noisy reception at Warwick Liniversity to open a new high technology science building.

One man was dragged from a crowd of about 600 students protesting against education spending cuts and arrested, but Mrs Thatcher's opponents did not have it all their own way: Conservative students chanted Cruise On".

The Prime Minister, who kept smiling throughout her three-bour visit, said she thought the students were well behaved.

Mr Parkinson was pelted with eggs and rotten tomatoes when he tried to enter a lecture theatre at Esses to speak to a Conservative students meeting.

The former Conservative chairman tried to reason with the mob, but his words were drowned. After consultations with police and university officials the meeting was abandoned.

Essex University said later many of the demonstrators had no connexion with the univer-

Mr Tebbit, who was touring Raleigh of Nottingham, the world's largest bicycle factory. told a group of workers chanting 'On yer bike" that his famous remark might have helped to sell more bicylcles



Gaddafi's regime, seem to be

The students refused to give

their names or other details to

to say how many they rep-

resented. One reporter who

pointed out that they looked rather old to be students, was

promptly told: "We are all

post-graduates." All claimed to

come from British universities

the main causes of discontent.

#### as blockade ends By Our Foreign Staff 'Traffic began to move again eration, and Unostra, made

through France yesterday as the French lorry drivers lifted nearly all the blockades which have paralysed roads for the past nine days after a call from their leaders to abandon their

Only six blockades remained late yesterday of the 200 in place the previous day, but it is going to be some days before traffic gets back to normal. Huge convoys of long-distance juggernauts began moving along the main Alpine motorway linking France and Italy as protest, resumed normal working. The Brenner Pass between Austria and Italy Austria and Italy was still blocked, however, by angry

Austrian drivers demanding a complete reorganization of the Italian customs system. in an effort to clear the roads as quickly as possible. Britain, Germany and France have suspended the normal ban on

Sunday driving in Europe, and the regulations on the number of hours drivers may spend at the wheel Some French drivers abandoned their blockades only reluctantly after their unions' anneal, but an ever-growing

number, cold and weary, had aiready begun to pull out. The two main organisations. The National Road Transport Fed-

their decision after M Jacques Delors, the Acting Prime Minister, had promised them talks beginning on Monday if the blockades ended. The drivers began their block-

ade last week in the wake of industrial action by customs officers on both side of the Franco-Italian border, and it quickly escalated, in to Europe's worst ever traffic jam affecting France, Italy, Britain, Switzerland, Austria. Belgium. West Germany and the Netherlands.

They are demanding quicker Talks took place earlier this

week between the Transport Ministers M Charles Fiterman and drivers' representatives. The Government put forward a nine-point plan incuding revised crossing procedures and compensation. But the nego-tiation stalled on the fuel oil

M Delors has now promised to discuss increasing the haulage industry's competitiveness by cutting VAT on diesel fuel. and to consider measures to improve the driver's conditions There was little new in what

he said, but M Delors, who is Continued on back page, col 6

#### Big cut in home loan rate unlikely By Peter Wilson-Smith

**Banking Correspondent** 

Hopes of a big cut in the mortgage rate after the Budget have been undermined by the government's decision to squeeze more tax out of the building societies. There is still a good chance that rates will come down from the present 11.25 per cent but by less than they would have done and the 25 million savers with building societies may also suffer.

The tax increase, sprung on the societies late on Thursday by the Inland Revenue, will add to the pressure on building society margins and the Building Societies Association has now called an emergency meeting on March 16. three days after the Budget, to discuss changes to its rate structure.

Building society chiefs were still smarting yesierday under the severity of the tax change which covers the way their profits on government stocks are taxed. It could double the societies tax bill and the association spelt out the consequences in a letter to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor.
It said: "This new charge

must be passed on either to borrowers in the form of a higher mortgage rate or to savers in the form of a lower investment rate. The prospect of a mortgage reduction within the next month or so is now clearly diminished and at the least any reduction will be less than would otherwise have been the case."

The association also warned the Chancellor that a cut in investment rates could make mortgages scarcer because it would reduce the amount of money coming in and criticized the way the extra tax had been introduced.

After hearing the news on Thursday, building societies rushed to best the midnight deadline for the tax change by selling off huge amounts of government stocks. The stockbrokers Phillips & Drew esti-mated that about £2.5 billion of gilts were unloaded, and there markets again vesterday.

The tax change means that societies are now taxed at 40 r cent on investment pro-whereas before the profits w nearly all tax free, if the cha had been in force in 198. would have cost societies at £120m and possibly £160m

Some building societies considering whether to legal advice and challenge Inland Revenue's ruling in to. courts. However Mr Jan Sievari. Economic Secretary to the Treasury, confirmed on BBC's The World at One vesterday, that the move had full ministerial backing and the government had been careful to help societies by not applying the law to carlier years. This suggests that any legal challenge by societies would achieve little. Family money, page 25

#### Rebels hold 16 Britons in Angola

By Our Foreign Staff Unita, the Angolan rebel movement claimed vesterday to have captured 77, foreign technicians including 16 Britons and 46 Portuguese, in an attack on a diamond mine at Kafunfu in the north east of the country. In a statement issued in Lisbon vesterday the South African-backed movement said that the hostages would be marched south adding "any intervention by land or air against the column of hostages will have serious repercussions on the captives".

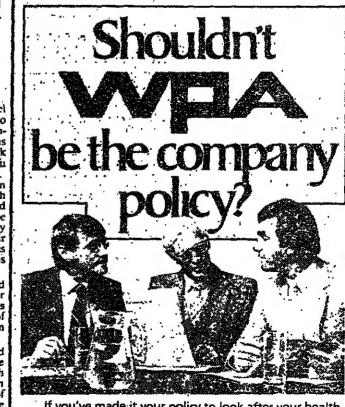
The communique also hinted that conditions would be set for the release of the Britons. This condition may be the release of the seven British mercenaries in prison in Luanda since 1976. A spokesman for Mining and

Technical Services (MATS) company for which the British technicians work, said that from th Unita communique two of them were identifiable as Me Neil Ayres, a geologist from Bristol andMr Thomas Murphy an engineer. Two others named as Mr Robert Clauso and Mr Robin Kennedy are thought to work for Intraco and American company which services mining equipment

The spokesman said there may have been some fighting and casualties but none among MATS staff. There was no news of the Defence Systems Inter national personnel, former SA men, who lived on the min ostensibly to curb diamone

smuggling.
The Kafunfu mine operates by the state-owned Diaman Company is a long way west o the main mining areas and fa more vulnerable. Kafunfu itsel is the headquarters of an extensive operation which in-

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and polytechnics. the new team in St James's will be met with a stronger and The building certainly Square seems confident that more forceful stand and Britain looked quiet enough, apart the coup will have his blessing. done will bear the responsibility for any consequences," iar movements,", said the spokesman, who explained that they said in a statement. British support for American he was the bureau's press. policies which are "unfriendly"

from the tramp of reporters' feet and the glare of television The Foreign Office too was taking it all very calmly. "We

to the Arab people and the are aware of it," a spukesman Government's preparedness to "harbour" enemies of Colonel

By Peter Hennessy and Lucy Hodges

A name that would grace any high table is being floated as a possible replacement for Pro-fessor Sir Alan Hodgkin as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. It is the wine and book-loving Mr Roy Jenkins. SDP MP for Glasgow, Hil-thead, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Secretary and President of the EEC

When asked at his home in East Hendred, Oxfordshire, whether he would take the job, he laughed and said: "I have not heard a word of it".

The mastership of Trinity is Crown appointment. The Queen will approve a nominee recommended by the Prime

There is a precedent for an MP becoming Master of Trinity in Mr R Butler, former Home Secretary and Chancel-lor, who resigned from the Commons and mok a perrage on his preferment in 1965.

The more cynical might see the attraction for Mrs Thatcher in "doing a Rab" on Mr Jenkins. It would, as one insider put it yesterday "completely neuter him" and create a by-election at Hillhead, formerly held by the Conserva-

Mr Jenkins, probably the most accomplished belletrist in the Commons, biographer of H H Asquith and Clement Attlee, author of Mr Baljour's Poodle, a study of the Edwardian House of Lords and currently engaged on a life of Harry Truman, would be well-suited in terms of temperament and scholarship for Trinity. schelarship for Trinity. Though he is a Balliol man, which might be held against him in an austere university like Cambridge, traditionally miffly about the worldly-wise. smiffly about the worldly-wise politicos produced by Oxford.

There was indications yes-terday from Mr Jenkins's friends that he did not want the job and would not accept it if

Some of the mystery of Sir Alan Hodgkin's failure to win re-election at the age of 70 has been dispelled. It was due in part to a Machiavellian ploy to keep out Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, a former Dean of Trinity, former Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and chairman of the University Grants Committee since October.

Sir Peter is regarded by the ancient regime in Trinity as a bit of a radical who might interfere excessively in college

BBC's Budget day

ed to go ahead with Mr

the participation of our's deputy leader, Mr Roy

Labour Party aides insisted yesterday that Mr Hattersley

would refuse to talk to Mr

Dimbleby, who is involved in a dispute with the National Union Of Journalists, but

would not object to sharing the

same platform on condition that Mr Dimbleby did not

Last night, Mr Dimbleby said: "I don't think that in this

particualr programme I was going to be interviewing any

Labour politicians, anyway, so I

don't imagine there will be a

The BBC told Mr Dimbleby on Tuesday night that it wanted

A strong attack on the closed

rights, misery, and strife, was made by Mr Barrie Famill.

features editor of the Yorkshire

Institute of Journalists. last

The institute, the oldest

journalists' organization in the

world, celebrates its centenary

We, in a so-called free nation,

this year. Mr Famill added:

have seen again recently, the worst abuses of individual

rights, together with the misery

and strife. that the closed shop

Evening Post, in his inaugural of change, address as president of the "The e

address him.

# Navy yards may face private competition for warship refits

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

A Ministry of Defence announcement is expected shortly on the privatization of some of the warship refit work, worth £500m a year, done by the Royal Docklands.

Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, issued a critical Commons report yesterday on dockyard operations at Rosyth and Devonport.

An investigation by the National Audit Office found that managers were more concerned with meeting target dates than with costs, that naval staff who were responsible for placing orders were not ac-countable for costs, and that there was "a dearth of relevant and reliable performance measures".

Sir Gordon said: "Discussions are proceeding with British Shipbuilders and other defence contractors with the aim of placing some warship relitting work to contract so as to introduce the stimulus of competition. A decision on this is expected shortly."

The ministry has made no commons statement, but a spokesman said yesterday that it was expected that refit work on a frigate and a convential submarine would be put out to

Sir Gordon's most graphic criticism was levelled at the amount of waiting time, when men were left without work to do, and overtime in the Royal-Dockvards.

He reported that in some production areas in some weeks waiting time exceeded 40 per cent of the hours available. Some areas were averaging 20 per cent idleness for the whole of 1982-83, while overnime rates were marked.

Rosyth management had imposed a 5 per cent ceiling on overtime, but Devonport's ceiling was 15 per cent and the National Audit Office staff discovered some work areas which, in some weeks, were recording levels of 20 per cent for both waiting and overtime.
The report said: "My staff's

examination indicated that a major determining factor in authorizing overtime work appeared to be the availability of funds in the dockyard budget." They even found cases where overtime increased But Sir Gordon concluded: "The absence of any means of

easuring output has made it difficult to assess the effectiveness of overtime working and thus properly inform decision to be made on the optimum levels of manpower and overtime for efficient dockyard operation."

# No agreement on nuclear dumping

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor - are simply rolled over the side

An attempt to get an agree-ment for the burying of highly radioactive waste in holes drilled in the seabed failed yesterday when the 32 countries attending the London Dumping Convention ended their annual meeting. But the subject may be reviewed next year.

This is the second year that the meeting has ended in

Hattersley 'on Budget TV'

Sharing platforms: Mr

him to present the programme.

The NUJ, which has 13 members on strike at the

he features.

their own.

of a ship, But it has been argued that

since the methods for placing containers of highly active waste beneath the seabed is known as "seabed emplace-ment", it is not within the scope of the "dumping" convention.

The high level wastes from weapons and nuclear reactors remain lethal for hundreds of A two-year moratorium on years. In Britain they are kept in dumping low-level waste in the bunkers at Sellafield, Cumbria. Atlantic, adopted last year, has Eventually, then the level of been extended by six months to radioactivity has declined significant to the level of the le been extended by six months to radioactivity has declined sig-allow a team of scientists to nificantly, the plan is to convert prepare a report on its impact. the waste into vitrified blocks. Drums of these wastes - glass, The problem still remains of cloth, paper and similar con-where to store the glass blocks taminated items from hospitals, which would be thermally hot laboratories and power stations, as well as radioactively that.



Friendly round: The Duke of Edinburgh talking to staff of the John Smith brewery at Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, yesterday, where he was presented with a cheque for £25,000 towards the Licensed Victualiers' Homes, of which he is patron.

# Benn predicts Labour landslide

be easy to present it as a freak."

A landslide Labour victory in the Chesterfield by-election will force the Prime Minister to change course or be disched as Conservative party leader, Mr Tony Benn said yesterday.

In his most cheerfully confi-

In his most cheerfully confident mood yet in the by-election campaign, Mr Benn, the Labour candidate, spoke of doubling or trebling the Labour majority, and said there had been a "sea change" in the Chesterfield electorate, "I am Setting the sight high" he crid

setting the sights high", he said.
Although Mr Benn refused to
comment directly on opinion
polls which yesterday gave him a lead of up to 21 per cent, he said there was no question that the campaign had "taken off". If Chesterfield confirmed that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was doing fatal damage to the party

Rebels are

cautioned

by Kinnock

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday

warned the Labour majority on

The council votes on March

29 on whether to approve a budget for 1984-85 which does

not balance, rather than cut spending or raise the rates. This

could lead to councillors being

surcharged, made bankrupt and

deliver the goods, and then they were pushed out. "If there were a landslide in Chesterfield the impact on government policy would de decisive. It would not

Conservative campaign orga-izers described a Central Television opinion poll which gave them 14 per cent, as a disgraceful distortion. They said their canvass returns put them second with 27 per cent, although their spokesman admitted that they also showed

Labour with a convincing lead at 42 per cent, All three parties are now fighting over the doubtfuls, which most polls are putting at about 15 per cent. Dr David Owen, the Social Democrat leader, accepted that Mr Benn was well ahead, but

she will be "put on warning that said that voting patters would been to change her policy".

Conservatives worshipped their leaders until they failed to

Mr Shore: Returns to the

attack on Oman.

Oman issue

resurfaces

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Mr Peter Shore, shadow

leader of the Commons, re-turned to the attack yesterday

over the involvement of the

Thatcher family in the Cemen-

tation contract for a new

university in Oman.
He has tabled two Commons

questions, asking the Prime Minister to say when she first

learned of Cementation's inter-

est in the contract, and when she first learnt of her son's

Mr Shore said that he was

giving Mrs Thatcher a further

chance to settle the matter once

and for all. "The Oman Affair

The Prime Minister would

either answer the questions and swiftly dispel all doubt, or her

refusal would create increasing

interest in "standards of conduct in public affairs."

"It is indeed her failure hitherto to answer the simplest

questions of fact that have

served to feed suspicions and to

cause the Prime Minister herself such evident and in-

creasing embarrassment.
"To continue now to seek to

erade and avoid answering

these direct and legitimate

questions would be a grave error of judgement.

has dragged on long enough."

interest in the deal.

packaging. He also warned voters that having Mr Benn's name constantly linked to Chesterfield would "stick in their throats" during the next

Mr Benn had been the chief architect of Labour's new

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, treated the idea of a Labour victory threatening the Prime Minister or Conservative policy as absurd he said: "Mr Kinnock fears Mr Benn more than I do.

Mr Tebbet believed the choice in Chesterfield lay between Mr Max Payne, the Liberal candidate, a "non creature" whose minders dare not let him-speak; Mr Benn, who was a "carpet-bagging peer from the south of England"; or Mr Nicholas Bourne, the Conservative candidate.

Octorel election: E G Variety (Lub). 23,881; N Bostrue (C). 16,118; M Payne (L/All), 9,705. Lab mall, 7,763.

#### **Inquiry** into outbreak of meningitis

An investigation has been launched into an outbreak of menngitis in Stroud, Gloucestershire, which has caused one death and claimed 27 victoms in two years, of that 27 menigit cases. 22 have suffered from a strain resistant to the traditional

The constant reemergence of the disease has dismayed parents of school children in the area: They are demanding more positive action from the local health authority.

The latest victim is eightmonth-old Darren Gardiner, from the village of Bussage, near Stroud, Her condition was

A special meeting of Stroud District Council will discuss the outbreak next Thursday. A spokesman for the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre in Colindale said yesterday: "Twenty-seven cases in two years is not an unusual number. There are about 500 cases a year in Britain, mostly

By Richard Dowden and Michael Horsnell

preventitive drugs.

said yesterday to be fair in Gloucestershire Royal hospital.

among young people.

# US acts to fund-raising for IRA

From Richard Ford, Dunloy, co Antrim

halt

The United States Government has decided to act against the Provisional IRA's fund-raising activities in the US at a time when the terrorists in Ireland are believed to be running short

The latest move involves the US customs service and the use of currency legislation against supporters of terrorism. Until now this has been used only against organized crime and drugs dealers. A Currency Reporting Act

prevents anyone entering or leaving the US without reporting amounts in excess of \$5,000 (£3,350). Penalties for breaking the law involve confiscation and imprisonment.

Mr Charles Price, the Ameri-

can Ambassador to Britain. disclosing the new initiative, said it had recently been used against "those who would cause "lolence in Northern Ireland."

Mr. Price, speaking in Belfast during a two-day factfinding visit, said the Irish Northern Aid Committee (Noraid) was one of the main targets of the

Government's offensive.
"We started by digging into
the records of known American couriers, financiers, and organizations, such as Noraid. We have now identified others who

were previously unknown."

He said the US Government wanted to confiscate funds destined for the IRA "thereby drying up the funds to buy arms."

The US hoped the new programme against fund-raising for the IRA would bring real results and any one who practised, assisted, or financed violence would not use the US as a base or harbour.

He told his audience, which included mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, that the US was backing its words with action. There had been court convictions for attempted gun-running with six convictions in one month in Brooklyn

A huge police operation prevented a Provisional IRA

paramilitary funeral yesterday for one of the gummen shot dead during an SAS undercover operation.

About 150 RUC officers supported by the Ulster Defence Regiment, and the Army mounted a show of strength, in Dunloy, co Antrim for the funerals of the two terrorists shot dead four days ago. They were determined to prevent any Provisional IRA colour party or volley of shots being fired at the funeral of Henry Hogan.

#### Farmers. are told of tough time ahead

By John Young

Mr John MacGregor, Minis-ter of State for Agriculture, warned farmers last night that its faced "a period of adjustment used and difficulty.

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Smith.

"Indeed some will face as severe a challenge as badly-hit parts of our manufacturing industry have gone through in the past five years of tough made economic adjustment", he said in Diss, Norfolk.

But Mr MacGregor, added that this was not "a time to snipe at our highly successful and productive agriculture, as in ill-considered attacks over recent months in certain sections of the media." The Government was determined to maintain a healthy farming industry.

Mr MacGregor repeated the " assurance given by the Prime Minister in the Commons on Thursday that the Government did not propose to reogen the question of the rating of agricultural land and buildings.

By discarding the idea of introducing rates, the Government has restricted the options. open to it in any attempt to curb farmers' alleged financial, privileges. The official work from Downing Street is still that no review of farm subsidies is curb farmers' alleged financ contemplated.
Sir Richard Butler, President

of the National Farmers' Union, has described suggestions that farmers are exempt from value-added tax as "absolute bunk".

Farmers paid VAT on their purchases like any other small businesses, he pointed out.

 A retired couple complained yesterday of harassment by the Nature Conservancy Council over the designation of an unimproved hay meadow as a site of special scientific interest. In a statement, the council

deplored the action of Mr Raymond Gillett in ploughing the 3%-acre meadow, near Yardicy Hastings, Northamp tonshire, during the statutory as three-month period intended for consultation, during which the site is not protected by law,

But Mr Gillett's wife, Ann, wich adjoined their garden, was 😘 their only source of income.

their only source of income.

"For years we have been of cooperating with the council".

Mrs Gillett said. "But then have these people turned up on our doorstep and said there would be penalties if we did anything. to our land. "The only solution to get them off our backs was to be plough it up. We hated doing

# State industry price rise claims denied

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Accusations that the Government is planning big increases in state industry prices, such as gas and electricity, to help keep public spending within bounds were vigorously denied yesterday by Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.
He said the Government was

not using nationalized industry pricing as a form of taxation. In fact, we expect price increases in the nationalized industries in the coming year to be at or below the general level of inflation.

Instead, he said, the improvement in the finances of state industries shown in last week's public spending White Paper. which envisages the virtual elimination of their borrowing needs by 1986-87, would come chiefly through economic growth and improved

Mr Rees told a meeting in Loughborough that the Government was determined not to increase the total public spending above the levels set out in the White Paper. If public sector pay rose too fast managers knew they would have to squeeze

Ministers were also determined to get to grips with the mu problem of local authority the overspending, which is why the they had introduced proposals will for rate-capping the most profligate councils.

But if spending in a proment would not increase the overall totals. Mr Rees said. The extra would have to come the more generous Paper provisions the Govern- ... our of the more generous contingency reserve. "Beyond" that more for one programme must mean less for another".

# skins, Jameson told

former Fleet Street editor, need to have a "thickish skin", counsel for the BBC told a High Court libel jury yesterday.

Mirror might expect the people they commented on to have fairly thick skins and to be able to take criticism. H added: One is entitled to say what is good for the the goose is good for the gander." Mr Wilmers was making his

final speech for the defence on the tenth day of a libel action brought by Mr Jameson against the BBC over a sketch broadcast on Radio 4's Weck Ending programme in March, 1980.

Mr Jameson, aged 54, of Clare Court, Judd Street, St Pancras, north London, was at the time editor of the Daily Star. "The sketch described him as "an East End boy made bad" and his editorial policy as "all

says the sketch was fair comment on a matter of public interest.

Mr Wilmers, for the BBC, told Mr Justice Comyn and the jury that it was not denied that some of the words in the sketch were defamatory in the sense that they were derogatory to Mr Jameson in his capalety as an

But the writer of the sketch had read the Daily Star under

Mr Jameson's editorship very carefully because it was a ne paper. There was material in the news paper of which an honest man was entitled to say: "I think this is not tasteful." It was plainly not a very literary or intellectual paper.

"Why shouldn't the scriptwriter be allowed to express a strong opinion. We are all entitled, in a free country, to express our views." Mr Wilmers

Mr Jameson as an editor, not as an individual, and a reasonable listener to the programme would have realized that counsel said.

was of "the greatest importance to freedom of speech" that they sould reject Mr Jameson's attack. "We need our free press. As judges throughout the ages have pointed out, the liberties of each of us depend on freedom of speech." He urged the jury to reject Mr

the BBC's right to broadcast what its scriptwriter had honestly believed. Mr Wilmers added that if the

jury found in Mr Jameson's favour, "the smallest coin of the realm" would be adequate damages to award him.

expected the next day.

# by chess

The fourth ARC Young Masters Tournament began at Westergate School near Chichester
yesterday, with a strong and
interesting entry that reflects the interesting entry that reflects the aims of its organizers, to bring the best junior players into

The event consists of six ale rounds among seventy players and is run on the Swiss system, meet each other.

Pairings on the top boards, which the international grandmasters and masters are to be found, are all interesting in the way they show the clash between gifted but inexperienced juniors and their highly talented ciders.

The international grandmasters John Nunn is playing Paul Townsend, former Cambridge University chess captain. Tony, Miles, the international grandmaster, is playing Philip Rossiter. aged 14. who recently distinguished himself by winning a strong junior intrnational tournament at Plymouth and English grandmaster Jonathan Speelman meets the strong

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"Within our own industry, shop in journalism, with its there are those who for either alleged abuse of individual blindly selfish or for political the only union which has dared blindly selfish or for political raise its voice in protest. reasons, would seek to tighten their grip on the rest. Some are ruled by almost medieval fear "The extremists among the

latter are bent upon the cynical destruction of the free press. and the denial of freedom to express opinions contrary to "We have seen this ominous further exposing notes, files, and other journalists material to trend in the constant attacks upon our press freedom from both inside and outside Parliament, even from within the protection in the Bill might give

Closed shop in journalism attacked Institute of Journalists has been

> The Press Council has told the Home Office that the protection for journalistic material in the redrafted Police and Criminal Evidence Bill should be retained.

Mr Kenneth Morgan, said yesterday: "on balance the immediate and real danger to the operation of a free press of search and seizure by the police outweighs the risk that the publishing industry itself, and a toe hold in the futur more often than not the attempts to restrict press a toe hold in the future to

Sales by tender, that is, when

sealed offers are left with the

agent of the seller to be opened

on a certain day, are not that common in London, but yester-

day Agnews, the Bond Street

picture dealers, announced the

sale by that method of a late

eighteenth century American

The artist was John Singleton

Copley, and the sitter Mrs

Thomas Gage, the wife of a

British governor of Massachu-

setts and a commander-in-chief

during the revolutionary period.

The companion portrait of her husband is already in the

Yale Center for British Art, and

on this occasion the successful

bidder was the New York firm

of dealers, Hirsch and Alder, Sir

Geoffrey Agnew is a senior trustee of the settlement of the

in New York on Thursday.

late Viscount Gage.

portrait for "more than £1m".

trade unionist. It remains unclear whether

Dimbleby. The House of Lords strike call to its members at Dimbleby Newspapers was legal. If the judgment goes against the union, Mr Dimbleby believes the TUC could not "black" him in support of an

trade union leaders not to take rammme is due to begin shortly, largely involving NUJ members at the BBC who have part in any programme in which Mr Dimbleby, a freelance rejected their union's advice to presenter, said that it was refuse to normal practice for Sir Robin Dimbleby. refuse to work with Mr

Day to conduct all interviews with politicians during the coverage of the Budget, which is coverage of the Budget, which is their dispute with the Government over spending. on March 13, while he spoke to a panel which included an economist, an accountant and a

barred from public office. Speaking on Tyneside yester-day, the Labour Party leader said: "It cannot be the case by removing themselves from office or by being removed from office Labour local representatives improve their position in trying to protect the people they were elected to serve."

illegal union instruction. Preparation for the prog His statement was seen as a serious serback to the Liverpool councillers' campaign to mobi-

# Dimbleby and Mr Hattersley

any trade unionist will take part in a programme chaired by Mr is due to give its judgment later this week on whether the NUI's

provincial newspaper group which Mr Dimbleby runs, has asked Labour politicians and

lize the labour movement in support of their defiant stance. The council leader, Mr John Hamilton, said later: "Mr Kinnock is telling us to keep in line with the Labour Party, but he has not considered what alternatives there are left to us.

> country. There is still timer for him to change his mind and recognize the groundswell of public opinion. The left-wing councillors suffered another blow yesterday when school teachers in the city voted not to join a one day "general" strike on March 29. The National Union of Teachers' 2,000 members rejected a recommendation from

"He cannot possibly know all

the details in every area in the

Mr Hamilton, said the party was still confident of getting support from other unions.

officials to strike by a narrow

#### Sale room

# American portrait sold by tender

Dongen of his long-legged wife, entitled "Mille Baisers", which went to a private bidder from California at \$143,000 or 197,445 (estimate \$65,000 to \$85,000), In 1959, the study had made \$6,000 in another New York sale. The Sotheby sale produced a total of \$1.919.335 or £1,307,894 with 18 of the 93

lots, or 14 per cent, bought in. In London yesterday, £12.100 Sotheby's offered English oak £8.000). furniture and works of art to a total of £96,610 with 9 per cent bought in. A small James I oak buffet, or court cupboard, dating from about 1620, sold to a London dealer at £8,580 (estimate £3.000 to £5.000). A general sale held by Hy. Duke and Son of Dorchester,

Dorset, made £96,000 with less

Sotheby's held a conventional than 3 per cent bought in. A auction of Impressionist works. claborate and imposing gil-including a study by Kees van twood and gesso library cabinet dating from the middle of the nincteenth century sold for £3.050, and a reflecting telescope in gilt brass by Peter Dolland went to a private bidder at £2,450.

good nineteenth century prisoner-of-war style bone model of a ship of the line sold to an American bidder for £12.100 (estimate £5.000 to

Three juveniles were charged

At Banham's, a particularly

### Death charge

yesterday with the man-slaughter of a girl aged 13. Michelle Buckley, of Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, died four days after falling from #:r horse while riding last Nova uber.

# **Editors need thick**

People in the public eye, such as Mr Derek Jameson, the

Mr John Wilmers. QC. said that editors of the Daily Express. Daily Star and Daily

the nudes fit to print". The BBC denies libel and

editor.

The sketch was comment on

Mr Wilmers told the jury it

Jameson's claim and vindicate

The trial continues on Tuesday when Mr David Eady will make final submissims on Mr Jameson's behalf. A verdict is

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# Killer of art student to be detained at her Majesty's pleasure

Norman Smith was ordered announced the verdict after a still alive when Smith left the retirement of 2 hours, 40 scene, and suggested that minutes. Smith's parents were someone else may have come of eight women and four men found him guilty yesterday of murdering Susan Renhard, aged 31, in the Derbyshire Peak District last June.

Smith, aged 18, was told by Mr Justice Caulfield at Notting-ham Crown Court: "This jury has convicted you of the offence of murder. The girl you killed, the jury say you strangled. She was a gem amongst maidens. She resisted. I have no doubt, to the death the attack you made graphics and design. upon her modesty."



Norman Smith and his victim, Susan Renhard.

in court as the sentence was given. The judge said that by law there was only one sentence he could pass.

Miss Renhard, an art student at Manchester Polytechnic, was found strangled and partly clothed at Cavedale, a beauty spot in the Peak District on June 27 last year. She was engaged to be married and had gone out to take photographs as part of a college course on

Smith, a student, of Sunny-side Villas, Buston Road, Castleton, Derbysbire, stood impassively as the jury foreman Smith admitted meeting her,

that. She was very humorous and a lovely girl."

He added: "The police have been wonderful throughout the investigation." Both sets of parents were in court every day of the week-long trial. Smith's mother and father were in the public gallery when the verdict was an-

along later and killed her.

The dead girl's father, Mr
David Renhard a retired law
lecturer, of West Hagley,
Stourbridge, Worcestershire,
said after the verdict: "It has

been a very stressful and emotional week. To see a young

man sent down for life is very

distressing whoever he is.
"We miss our daughter very
much. It is impossible to make

up for a lost daughter, I was really touched by the remarks of

the judge about the sort of girl Susan was. She was just like

Smith's mother, Mrs Shirley Smith, said after the case: " are shattered by this. I still believe it was an accident. It

was not premeditated."
Her husband, Jim, said: "My wife and I both feel deep sorrow for Susan's family but we also have sorrow ourselves. We hope we are strong enough as a family to survive this. There is will come home quickly."

tremendous support in the village and we hope Norman

#### Sikh wins damages against club

A Sikh was yesterday awarded damages against a golf club after a judge ruled that it refused him membership on the grounds of race. Pramjit Singh Hothi, of Teagues Crescent, Telford, Shropshire, was awarded damages of £150 and costs against the Wrekin Golf Club,

Birmingham County Court was told that Mr Hothi, aged 40, a postal supervisor, took up golf after a back injury stopped him playing cricket. Mr Edward Coke, counsel for Mr Hathi, said his client was the only applicant to be excluded by the

The club denied racial discrimination. The secretary, Mr also called Spitting Image, is John Bowen, the captain, Mr understood to have been given Cooper and the vice-caplain, Mr Edward Allen, all said the application was rejected because Mr Hothi had adopted an aggressive attitude at his

Judge Wilson, sitting with two magistrates ordered the application for membership.

#### Standard up 1p

The price of The Standard London's evening newspaper, will go up by 1p to 18p from Monday. Increasing costs are

# Royal Family cut from TV satire

Independent today after a comedy team was ordered to cut all references to the Royal Family from the first show of a saturical puppet series which makes its debut at 10pm tomorrow.

The cuts were ordered by the a matter of courtesty" to the Duke of Edinburgh, who is to open the company's new Nottingham studios next Friday. Staff at the station, which co-

produced the 13 part series. Spitting Image, with an indeclub's committee during the last 30 years. Mr Hothi told the gart: "It happened because I is a Sikh. They probably talking to the Duke and the Prime Minister, and another which featured the Princess of Water and I is a support of the Duke and the Prime Minister, and another which featured the Princess of Water in the Pr

the independent company,

television's the assurance that the scenes peak-time Sunday night sched- can be reinstated in future ules are being hastily reshaped episodes of the 25-minute topical series. The producers had expected the series to provoke controversy, and it was described as distasteful by a Conservative MP several weeks

The board of Central had not board of Central Television "as seen the opening episode before its decision. The programme had been cleared by sehior Central staff, lawyers, and the Independent

The cuts are understood to have shortened the programme by five minutes, which will result in the rescheduling of programmes due to follow it. Sir Gordon Hobday, Central's chairman and the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, who will be the Duke's host at next Friday's opening ceremony, is believed to have led the call for

#### Fines for Sunday sales

Payless, the do-it-yourself retail group, was ordered to pay nominal fines and £400 costs yesterday after admitting 16 counts of breaking the laws against Sunday trading at two shop in Bromley, south Lon-

don.

The chairman of Bromley magistrates, Mr Gilbert Smith said: "The purpose of the Shops Act is to dissuade people from opening on Sundays, but in this case justice will be done if we impose nominal fines."

He fined the company £100

on each count. Afterwards Payless's chair man, Mr Tom O'Sullivan, said that the verdict was a victory
We do not think Bromle council should have brought th case to court and I believe this is the magistrates' way of saying they agree with us."

The magistrates were told the company had paid £8,920 in fines and costs because of 46 council summonses in less than

# Mint strikes gold in East

The Royal Mint has struck a HK\$1,000 dollar coin (about Hongkong Government commemorate the Chinese lunar Year of the Rat.

The coins (right) has been struck in 22 carat gold and weighs 15.98g (a little more than half an ounce) and measures 28.40mm (just over an inch), It has been struck in proof quality, regarded by many as the true test of the 's craft, in quantities of only 10,000.

The proof coin has a frosted finish to the relief design and a mirror-like background. The been struck to an issue limit of only 20,000

The proof costs £350 and the bright uncirculated £235 (in-cluding value-added tax), and each is supplied in a display case. Further details are available from the Royal Mint Coin Club, PO Box 500, Cardiff CF1



#### **Heart fears** boost sales of low-fat milk

Sales of low fat and long-life milk have increased sharply in the past two weeks, after publicity linking high-fat foods

with heart attack. Express Dairies, Britain's third largest dairy, delivering to 1,250,000 homes a day, said sales have risen by 10 per cent, with customers switching from fresh milk.

Unigate, which delivers to three million homes, said sales of fresh skimmed milk now accounted for about five per cent of deliveries. "We were the first company in Britain to launch a fresh skimmed milk and sales have shown consistent improvement, especially

cently", a spokesman said. Two World in Action tele vision programmes this month, dealt with damage allegedly caused to arteries by eating polyunsaturated fats found in many dairy products.

### Air crash report blames door defects

By Richard Evans An airliner which crashed in 1981 killing three people after a baggage door flew open was of a type which had a "history of door defects", an official report

The BAe 748 twin-turboprop airliner, operated by Dan-Air, plunged into a field at Nailstone, Leicestershire, after the rear door was torn from its hinges and lodged on the tailplane, making the aircraft

The report, published by the accident investigation branch of the Department of Transport. says that there have been 35 instances since 1962, the year the BA3 748 went into service. when a baggage door has opened in flight. On 13 of those occasion the door separated

from the aircraft and "five of these struck the tailplane. occasionally causing consider-

Since the Leicestershire crash the Civil Aviation Authority has issued a series of instructions to improve operating involving the doors

British Acrospace, manufac-turers of the 748, has introduced design changes covering the door and its warning after discussions system. authority,

operators and manufacturer. The 1981 crash involved Dan-Air flight 240 carrying light mail from Gatwick to East Midlands airport at Castle Donington. The baggage door opened minutes before the plane was due to land, separated of Transport. Price 8.50).

from its hinges and was caught on the leading edge of the starboard tail plane.

Mr L. Shaddick, the accident inspector, says in his report that locked when the aircraft took off, because of a "mis-rigging"

The crew were unawan until a late stage in the flight of the unsafe condition of the baggage door and this was due to a combination of shortcomings in the design, construction and maintenance of the door warning systems and the appearance indications."

Report of the accident to BAe HS 748 G-ASPL at Nailstone, Leicester-shire on 26 June, 1981, (Accidents



Whitstable Harbour, Kent, officially handed over to skippers yesterday. They replace huts on the east side to be demolished for port improvements. (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

#### More flexible education with computers

New technology will open up further education to women because it is being taht more flexibly than other subjects, Lady Platt of Writtle, chairman f the Equal Opportunities Commission, said yesterday. She told students and staff at

Birmingham Polytechnic that it was vital to give a second chance to those who had missed out at school.

Plans to introduce a flexible system of further education in the next few years, including the chance for people to build up a number of credits in a subject at their own pace and to learn from home, would open up opportunities for many

#### Crash pilots' bravery praised Mrs Langley-Williams, her

voice breaking with emotion as

she recalled the tragedy, said:

"Without them, our story could well have had a very different

Verdicts of accidental death were recorded yesterday on all 20 victims of the helicopter crash in the sea off the Isles of Scilly last July. There were six survivors from British 'arways's Oscar November helicopter. Earlier, the inquest at Pen-

zance was told by one of the survivors that the courage of the pilots prevented even greater loss of life.

Mrs Lucile Langley-Williams, aged 62, said: "I think it would be very sad if we lost sight of what the captains did in the "Bearing in mind the responsibility they had already had, and the sadness we all felt,

incredible."

ending. They kept us going."

Captain Dominic Lawlor, aged 37, and Captain Neil Charleton, aged 30, survived. The other survivors were Mrs Llangley-Williams's fellow Isles of Silly councillor, Mrs Megan Smith, aged 61; Ellen Hanslow. aged 15. and Howard Goddard, aged 11. Mrs Langley-Williams de-

scribed how Mrs Smith was saved by a suitcase. "The two children and the pilots were swimming nearby. Captain Lawlor was with Howard and

"After a while Captain Charleson asked if I was alright and I said I was flagging.

"He came over and as he did so a suitcase came out and he

brought it up. Together we got

Megan onto the suitcase".

Mrs Langley-Williams joined
Ellen while Captain Charleton
stayed with Mrs Smith. The sea was like a mill pond but they swam in twos in a little circle surrounded by mist, she

said. They heard two helicopters overhead and once saw an aircraft "like a Dinky toy" in a patch of blue sky. The lifeboat coxswain, Mr Matt Lethbridge, said that he followed a "slight mark" on his radar scanner to find the

#### Greenwich museum to charge for entry

By David Hewson Arts Corresponde

The Government has hinted that it will allow national museums to introduce ad-mission charges and retain the profits from their shops and publications divisions.

The far-reaching decision became public vesterday when the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich announced that it had reached agreement to introduce admission charges from April 2. Nationally funded museums

have always been free to introduce admission charges, but have been reluctant to do so because the profits entrance tickets bring have automatically accrued to the Treasury.

The Greenwich museum has reached a unique agreement with the Office of Arts and Libraries that the receipts will remain with the museum on the understanding that they will not be used to employ extra staff or build new extensions. The interim agreement is likely to be ratified into a new deal for all nationally-funded museums and galleries which could come into force next year.

The first effect of the move will be to enable the Greenwich museum to reopen on Mon-days, after a gap of three years. Later, the money will be used to improve and develop the quality of service A combined ticket to the

main building and the Old Royal Observatory will cost £1.50, and admission to either £1. A family ticket, for two adults and up to five children, will be available for £4. A combined ticket will be available to children, students, pensioners, disabled people and the unemployed for 75p.

Local residents, living in Greenwich Lewisham or Tower Hamlets, will be eligible for a neighbourhood ticket, valid for one year, for 40p if they produce some form of identifi-

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By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent
An internal inquiry by the
Law Society into its handling of the case of a solicitor who overcharged a client by more than £130,000 is expected to lay blame on the society's council for failure to act on the client's

Despite some opposition to publication from "old guard" members of the council, the report is due out on Monday in what is being seen as an exercise in frankness on the society's

The inquiry was set up after Mr Glanville Davies, a solicitor and council member of the society for 15 years, was ordered to be struck off by a High Court judge last October for overcharging a client by £131,000.

The High Court case was launched by the client. Mr Leslie Parsons, a South Wales businessman, after the Law Society had failed to act on his

The findings of the inquiry by three council members under Mr Philip Ely were described vesterday by another council member as "frank" and "getting to the bottom of the whole

He said Mr Parsons' original complaint ran to about 70 pages and no one bothered to sit down and read it because it was so complicated. It was the old story of the buck being passed on and on and eventually coming to rest on the wrong lap. He said that the inquiry report names council members who held positions of authority the entire council, as the body which delegates power

Another inquiry into the case has been conducted by the ombudsman for solicitors' clients. Major-General John Allen. whose criticisms of the Law Society were tempered by general remarks that there had been an improvement in the way the society handles complaints. His report provoked criticism from the Legal Action Group, a 3.000-member association of lawyers, which said the findings were slanted in favour of the society. General Allen denies bias.

#### Radio opening

Mrs Gertrude Phillipson aged 105. is to open Radio Trafford 231. Greater Man-chester, one of the BBC's experimental neighbourhood

# Promise to give tenants of charities cash discount may cost £600m

asm for extending tenants' right sitting tenants. The Govern-to buy their homes may have ment would pay the cash landed it with a £600m bill for discount through the Housing which £10m has been allocated

That is because the Government wishes to give tenants of charitable housing associations the same rights as council and other housing association ten-

Last year, the Government bowed to pressure and dropped the proposal after parts of the Housing and Building Control Bill were defeated in the House groups argued that even though charitable housing associations had accepted public money for building giving tenants the right to buy would disrupt their

The Government later promised to allow housing associations tenants help to choose a house on the open market. On buying it they would receive the cash equivalent of the discount they would have recieved if they

Warning of

Chianti

risk 'unfair'

Chianti said yesterday that

they had been treated unfairly by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the

Minister for Health, who earlier this week said that a

combination of drinking the wine and taking certain anti-depressants could be fateful.

The Italian wine contains high levels of tyramine, a

substance which cannot be metabolized in patients receiv-ing treatment with the monoa-mine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) group of anti-de-

Chianti Classico say that patients taking the drug are warned by their doctors to avoid a whole range of food and

However, the manufacturers of the drug specifically men-tions "completely avoiding Chianti wine".

But the same company says

that changes in production

methods in recent years had

almost eliminated the presence

of tyramine "and there is no more tyramine in Chianti than in any other table wine

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the £,300m a year levy on marriage.

How the hardworking Patels have prospered - some

On the eve of the Chesterfield by-election, we look at

Ian MacGregor, Chairman of The National Coal Board,

THE BUDGET

drink.

ment would pay the cash discount through the Housing

But officials considering how to frame this promise in the revised Housing and Building Control Bill, now before the Lords, were alarmed to discover how much it could cost. About 100,000 tenants of



Mr Gow: Announced

The Government's enthusi- had bought their own home as charitable housing associations are eligible. If they all claimed an average discount of £6,000. the Government would be committed to finding £600m. Even if only a fraction claimed discounts, the provision would cost considerably more than the "fairly insignificant amount", which the Housing Corporation

> The corporation said: "Discussions are still going on with the Department of the Environ-

The National Housing and town Planning Council, a lobbying group, said that even if the £660m figure was notional. the eventual cost of the government promise - made just before Christmas by Mr Ian Gow, minister for Housing and Construction.

if a housing association tenant bought another house and moved, the incoming tenant would immediately start building up eligibility for a discount if and when they chose

### Chemical warfare tests on troops

The Government has admitted that servicemen have been used in chemical warfare experiments at Porton Down,

Mr John Lee, Under Sec-retary of State for Defence Procurement, said on Thursday that volunteers had for many years participated in experiments vital to chemical warfare

Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP or Newham North-West, immediately tabled Commons questions asking for details, and whether participants were genuine volunteers.

great care is taken to ensure the health and well-being of volunteers. These experiments make a vital contribution to the establishment's work in ensuring the protection of our forces against the threat of chemical

Mr Banks said: "It beggars belief that anyone would genu-inely volunteer to be used for experiments involving chemical

"We therefore need to know who these people are, and whether they have perhaps been cajoled into volunteering for Mr Lee had told him: "Tests experiments which are clearly are carefully controlled and dangerous".

#### Regalia thief jailed

heraldry and genealogy in silver Clan Fergus baton and Scotland, was jailed for a year at other silverware between July Edinburgh Sheriff Court yester- and November last year after he

Thomas Hill, aged 48, of

A cleaner who stole the Register House in Edinburgh, silver-gilt chain of office of the which houses the Lord Lyon's Lord Lyon, who is in charge of office, also admitted stealing the found a key in a drawer.

Snowdon

plea for

disabled

HOUSE OF LORDS

Disabled people did not demand sympathy, they asked only for their rights denied to them, the Earl of Snowdon said in the House of Lords during the committee stage of the Chronically Sick and Disabled

Persons (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by the Earl of Longford (Lab), the purpose of which is to make discrimination against the disabled

unlawful.

The Earl of Snowdon said it was a fiction that those who practised discrimination were brutes. The truth was that they were not modsters but frail human beings who regarded disablement, he was sorry to say, with contempt.

It was a tragic pity that a law was needed to protect the disabled from the denial of their elementary rights. They were not asking this as a charitable handout or favour but as a right.

charitable handout or favour but as a right.

They do not (he said) reproach their unthinking fellow citizens. They ask only their unthinking fellow citizens to start to think. Legislation cannot itself bring to an end the suffering of disabled people but it would be a huge step forward to that noble end.

to that noble end.

Thomas Hill, aged 48, of His total haul was worth. West Granton Grove, Edinabout £11,000, but he sold the burgh, who worked at New items to a dealer for £485.

#### 'What's My Line? to return

vision panel game last screened 21 years ago, is being revived by Thames Television. The first programme will be screened live

on March 26.

The chairman will be Eamonn Andrews, and on its panel will be the comedian Eric Morecambe, the actress Barbara Kelly, the writer Jilly Cooper, the journalist George Gale, and another member yet to be named Miss Kelly and Mr Andrews both appeared on the first programme, transmitted by the BBC in July 1951.

Thames's director of light entertainment, Mr Philip Jones, said yesterday that What's My Lines, which involves panellists questioning guests to discover the unusual jobs they do, "remains one of the best television panel games ever

#### Ministry check on drink case

The Home Office has asked yesterday for a transcript of the dismissal of a drink-driving charge against Robert Todd, a trombone player, at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on Thurs-

day.

The musician said he used camphor spirit on his lips when performing and that this caused the high reading on an Intoxi-

#### Two accused of murder

Two men were remanded in custody for a week at Camberwell Magistates' Court yester-day charged with the murder of Mr Robert Perry, a security guard, who was shot last week while delivering in Norwood, south London.

#### Newsagent raid charges

Three men charged with robbing Peckham newsagent, Mr Harry Tipple, were remanded in custody for a week at Tower Bridge Magistrates'

Boys find £3,500

A carrier bag containing £3,500 was found in a car park in Fakenham, Norfolk, yester-day by Andrew Smith and Paul Utting, both aged 10.

While it fully shared the

abhorrence so powerfully expressed by Lord Snewdon, it did not believe

there was sufficient evidence of genuine discrimination against disabled people to warrant the complex and expensive regulatory mechine the Bill senable to revoide

Orange badges

black market

There was a black market in orange badges for the disabled. Earl Attier (SDP) said at question time in the House of Lords.

He claimed that badges supplied to disabled people who had since died were being sold on the open market to active people, instead of being returned to the authorities.

Lady Trumpington, the Government spokesman, said she had no evidence to suggest this was so. Badges were valid for only three years which limited the soope for abuse.

She reported that since the offence of misuse of the orange badge scheme came into force in October 1981 there had, up to the

end of 1982, been seven prose-

PARLIAMENT Feb 24 1984



Getting acquainted: The Prince of Wales meeting children from the Brunei international school in Mugra, outside the capital.

#### Brunei displays its hardware

From David Watts, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

The last big independence celebration in South-east Asia, came to an end yesterday with a display by Brunei's small but effective forces.

The executive jets, luxury yachts and merrymaking were put aside for a while as the Brunei armed forces paraded their immaculate equipment through the city and down the busy Brunei River. For a Sultan who has just

been created an honorary general in the British Army, Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah's timing has been less than precise. Last night he kept his banquet guests waiting for more than an hour and a half, and he was again some 40 minutes late for the military

march past.

But the British heritage of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces

snappy salutes to the carefully blacked tyres of the Land-Rovers and the blue Rapier anti-sircraft missiles. The parade of fand forces over, Brunel's small but potent

fleet of Exocet-squipped fast patrol bosts cruised down the Brunei River making a bizarre contrast with the houses on stilts of Kampong Ayer, with the water village behind. Prince Charles boarded one of the vessels for a trip down the river to Musica, where he lunched with British officers seconded to the Royal Brunel Armed Forces and met British com-munity schoolchildren.

The children, with their carefully hand-coloured Union Jacks, were cheering the Prince before he was in sight. It was one of the most vivid moments.

was unmistakable, from the of the visit. The children seemed to bring the Prince alive. To them he confessed was not to have been able to play polo. A torrential down-pour, which soaked some of the banquet guests on Thursday night, appeared to destroy any chance of that

Not only the Prince will be disappointed. The nine Argentimes who tend the Sultan's pole poales had already ad-mired the Prince's form on horseback and had looked forward to seeing him take part in a coutest which would have involved the royalty of at least four countries: Brunel, Britain,

Malaysia and Nepal. On Samuday the Prince will conclude his stay by visiting the British Army Gurkha hattalion stationed in the Seria Offields.

#### Soviet economists told to pull their socks up

conomists have been told that heir remidies for the country's ills are inadequate or out of touch with reality and they must reshape their attitudes.

A decree from the Communist Party Central Committee published on the front page of Pravda yesterday criticized almost every aspect of the work of the Economic Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The institute was told to tackle more of the country's concrete economic problems and take the advice of factory workers and those involved in dealing with day-to-day prob-

in view of the Government position on the Bill. he did not propose to comment one way or another on the individual amend-Western diplomats analysing the statement said it appeared to back up the impression given in recent speeches of Polithuro The Bill completed its committee members that the experimental reforms introduced under the stage.

The Recreational Gardening
Bill, moved by Lord Wallace of
Coslany (Lab), which seeks to give
local authorities powers over late President Andropov would

continue. The new party leader, :Mr Konstantin Chernenko, was closely associated with former President Brezhnev and the more lax attitude towards the economy which prevailed under

Some diplomats said that many parts of Mr Chernenko's seech to the party plenum last

code for

**Euro-TV** 

Moscow (Reuter) - Soviet June were echoed in yesterday's conomists have been told that criticism of the state of Soviet economic science.

The economists were told: Take part in carrying out economic experiments... The implementation of the results of research should be considered the most important task of the institute."

Mr Vitaly Voroninikov, aged 57, one of the younger Politburo members who had a meteoric rise under the brief Andropov rule, said in a spech also published in Pravda that it was important for there to be no letup in the pace of economic

reform-Mr Vorotnikov, once banished by Mr Brezhnev to an ambassadorial post, now holds the powerful position of Fremier of the Russian Federation, the largest of the 15 Soviet republies. He was careful to add that he was conveying views also held by Mr Chernenko.

Some analysts said it appeared that Mr Chernenko, who in his speech accepting the party leadership said he would continue on the path of reform but with a "look before you leap" artitude, was not about to hamper moves that could help the economy.

#### Craxi share EEC hopes From Michael Binyon

Chancellor Helmut Kohl flew to Paris yesterday for talks with President Mitterrand on what can be done to end the crisis in the European Community.

He told a press conference before leaving that a breakdown of the Brussels summit next month would have catastrophic consequences, but said there

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were real chances of success if all sides showed good will.

His cautious hopes were echoed by Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, who ended a day of consultations here yesterday morning by declaring that there had to be

compromises on all sides. Signor Craxi, however, was noticeably cool to suggestions — which have been voiced here recently - that the six founding members of the Community, in... particular France and Germany, should take the lead in pushing for European unity, without waiting for agreement from the

other members. He said all ten members had nterests in a balance and a solution to their own special. problems. But any solution should not lead to new imbalances a clear hint that Italy views with suspicion any suggestion of a Franco-German

negemony in the Community. Signor Craxi, who described. his country's relations with Germany as excellent, also said that Europe should not be limited to agriculture which would be nonsensical.

Chancellor Kohl added that decisive steps had to be taken towards political integration to give a reality to the Treaty of Rome.

# to that noble end. Lord Gleaarthur, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said the Government did not accept the need for a Bill of this kind and did not propose to give it any sustenance at any further stage. Political appointments in London attacked

COMMONS

Disproportionate increases in rates Disproportionate increases in rates only encouraged potential entrepreneurs to go elsewhere rather than come to London, Sir George Young, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in the Commons in reply to a Labour backbench motion calling on the Government to withdraw all legislative proposals for dismantling the structure and destroying the direct accountability of the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Aughority. The motion was talked out.

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He said that he agreed that there were threats to the democracy of Londoners in the activities of the mob at Brent; in the breaking of the distinction between elected politicians and neutral officers. The integrity of public service had been undermined by a series of political appointments in London.

Those he named were. Mr Reg Race, former Labour MP for Wood Green as head programme officer, Mr Robin Murray, former Tribune Group economic adviser as chief economic adviser as chief economic adviser as chief economic adviser. Mr Alan McGarvey, deputy Labour leader of

vey, deputy Labour leader of Wandsworth Council as chief executive, Greater London Enter-

Sadley the GLC had a capacity to obstruct, slow down, foil and complicate, all of which could ose investment opportunities in London.

There was plenty of opportunity to make savings in the ILEA whose leaders had been at pains to create a misleading impression and to arouse unnecessary concern about the Government's proposals. the Government's proposals.
Education of inner London children
was too important for scaremongering. Expenditure per pupil
was at record levels in real terms.

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Mr Tony Banks (Newham, North West, Lab), a member of the GLC, in moving the motion, said it was well known that the Prime Minister did not like opposition, either inside her party or elswhere, and there was a worrying perty personal element in many of her political decisions. The demise of the GLC was because the landy hated Red Kent, but personal antipathy was not a proper basis for a major restructuring of the democratic system in London.

He would rather see the election of a Tory GLC through the ballot

of a Tory GLC through the ballot box than see a Tory Government try to neuter and emasculate the democratic process in London.

#### Advertising Hongkong proposals questioned From David Bonavia, Hongkong

From Ian Murray

The Anglo-Chinese negotiations on the future of Hongkong took an mexpected twist yesterday. When Mr Richard Lobo, senior unofficial member of the Legislative Council, called for a debate on the council, the senior unother out A new code of conduct for television advertising has been approved by all 21 member governments of the Council of Europe. Its aim is to impose common standards on broadcasting authorities before the arrival of satellite television on screens through Europe.

The new code means that advertisers would have to take the law into account, not only in the country of transmission but in any other country where there was an audience.

The code also insists that advertisements have to be grouped, clearly identifiable and not of excessive length. "sub-liminal" advertisements

The potentially harmful consequences of tobacco, drugs, medical and alcohol advertise-ments also have to be taken into consideration, while no use can be made of children which could harm them in any way.

the proposals being worked out in Peking. Meanwhile a mini-summit of British officials involved in the discussions in to be held here on Sunday. Sir Richard Evans, the British Ambassador to China and Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State with responsibility for Hongkong, are expected here for discussions with the Governor, Sir Edward Vonda.

Youde.
The appointed unofficial members of the Legislative Council have a certain moral anthority, as representing the views of local people as against the ex officio members. But Peking will be upset if a debate brings any questioning of the basic principle that Hongkong is Chinese territory where a message is flashed very briefly into the subconscious from the screen - are also out.

#### Swiss vote on national service

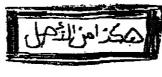
In another of their soul-nation It is the nation itself searching national referendums. Advocates of a civilia the Swiss decide this weekend if service, who collected well-over In another of their soulsearching national referendums, the Swiss decide this weekend if their young men are to have the choice of opting for a civilian service — for example in hospitals — as an alternative to compulsory military service.

The issue is regarded as momentous for the concept of a neutral Switzerland protected by its citizen-soldiers, for whom "Our Army is not an institution which stands apart from the ordinary prisons."

Ination It is the nation itself". Opponents of a civilian for youths when the devoting a civilian for youths when the minimum 170,000 signation would gradually tures necessary for having a crossion of the Arm proposal put to a referendum, are motivated by the fact that more than 750 young men are only 2 per cent. Given the depth four and eight months for the Army, which are permitted to do hospital or with common with common indicated well over military age of the minimum 170,000 signation of the Arm proposal put to a referendum. The fact that more than 750 young men are only 2 per cent. Given the depth four and eight months for the Army, which are permitted to do hospital or with common four army is not an institution ordinary prisons.

Opponents of a free choice Opponents of a free choice for youths when they reach the military age of 20 fear this would gradually lead to an erosion of the Army's mobilization strength of 625,000 through refusal of military service is

Given the depth of feeting for the Army, which also provides an annual get-together for men with common professional interests, civilian service has little chance of being accepted.



# Heads together: Chance lor Kebl with Signor Cras after their talks in Bonn Kohl and

ing was taking place over a front almost 60 miles long, and that

Iranian troops had succeeded in penetrating at least 16 miles

into the country.

The Iraqi Defence Minister.
General Adnan Keirallah, said

that his forces had repulsed an Iranian attack on Ahwar, 22 miles from the border and

In another development, the

Iraqi News Agency reported a doglight over Khafagieh, deep

inside Iran, in which an Iraniar

that the Iraqis have made heavy

demands on their Air Force

since the start of the offensive.

combat. Iraqi fighter-bombers

and helicopters flew 229 missions, inflicting "heavy losses in human lives and

equipment", a statement said,

but did not mention Iranian

reports of renewed attacks on

Iran also said its forces

shelled the Basra yesterday after

Iraq fired missiles at two Iranian cities, killing 59 civ-

The Iranian News Agency

Irna, said the Iraqi missile

attacks during the night killed

23 in Borujerd, both in Iran's

people in Khorramabad and

ilians and wounding 350.

Lorestan province.

civilian targets.

In the first 24 hours of

An earlier bulletin disclosed

F14 jet was shot down,

seven miles west of the Tigris.

# Iran shells Basra and claims capture of oil-rich Iraqi islands

Oll-ric day in a series of reported successes which were followed by renewed Iraqi missile attacks on Iranian civilians after a 10day suspension. There was also retaliatory shelling by Iran of Basra, on the Shatt al Arab

waterway. A Tehran military communique said that its troops has seized the Majnoon islands in the Al-Hawizah marshes, a 76square-mile areas between the franian border and the Baghdad-Basra highway. Iraq has about 50 oil wells there.

More than 1,000 Iraqis were killed in the battle, the com-munique claimed, brining the Iraqi toll to more than 3,500 since the defensive began on

Wednesday. The statement followed reports of a massive attack northeast of Iraq's chief port and oil terminal of Basra on the Shatt al

But Iran effectively retracted a report vesterday that its forces had taken the town of Al Qurnah. 30 miles north of Basra, where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers join to form the Shatt al Arab. It was claimed, however, that the Baghdad-Basra highway had been reached at several points. and that Al Qurnah could be taken "when necessary".

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But a Reuter correspondent, Subhy Haddad, one of the first reporters to reach the town on Thursday evening, reported that it was still firmly in Iraqi hands. Haddad said he saw no signs of Iranians in the vicinity of the town and quoted local officials as saying that the town's residents and armed peasants

from surrounding marshlands had helped the Iraqi army to wipe out an attacking Iranian force seven miles further east. Haddad quoted the Iraqi officials as saying more than 1.500 Iranians had been killed

and 350 taken prisoner.
The Iraqi Government ridiculed the Iranian report, said no Iraqi territory had been captured. It said more than 4.770 Iranians had been killed on two fronts since Wednesday

An Iraqi communique con-firmed the strength of the

leader makes Gulf arms plea

**Exiled Iran** 

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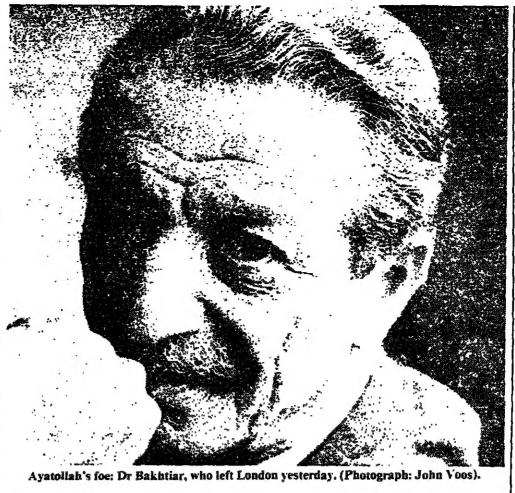
Dr Shapour Bakhtiar, the former Prime Minister of Iran who failed to achieve a transition from absolute monarchy to democracy during his brief tenure of power in 1979, has appealed to the West "to stop the Gulf war by ending the supply of military spare parts to the regime of Ayatol-lah Khomeini".

During a visit to London be said he anderstood how some Western companies had grown dependent on exporting goods to Iran. "I am not opposed to the sale of penicillin to Iran. parts for tanks and aircraft that enable Khomeini to send thousands of children to their deaths each month, it becomes unforgivable"

He also called for a boycott of Iran's oil and dismissed the suggestion that Ayazollah Khomeini could block the Strait of Hormuz to international shipping, "Iran has no right to close the Gulf, and countries such as the United States, Britain and France could immediately overcome any local military attempt to stop the flow of Arab oil to the

outside world."

Dr Bakhtiar has also visited the United States and some Arab countries in the Gulf region (whose names he de-clined to mention) in the past six weeks. He said he had been encouraged by the further



diplomatic isolation of Ayatollah khomeini's regime in the

Dr Bakhtiar, who has lived in exile in Paris for the past five years, has recently formed an alliance with another liberal former Prime Minister, Dr Ali

Amini. They have agreed to

advocate the installation of the Pablavi as a constitutional monarch if they achieve power

He was scathing in his attacks on his left-wing rivals, the National Resistance Coucil

around ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, and the Muja-hedia leader. Mr Mussad Rajavi, both of whom also live in exile in Paris. They are mere reactionaries who carry even less weight with the people of Iran than does their former idol, Khomeini'

#### Australians angry at Cheysson's claim

From Tony Duboudin

Australia has asked France for an explanation of remarks by M Claude Cheysson, the Foreign Minister, that Australia was not worried about nuclear testing in the Pacific. His remarks were made in an interview with the French newspaper Liberation. Mr Lionel Bowen, the Acting

Foreign Minister, said he had asked the embassy in Paris to ask the French Foreign Ministry if the report was accurate. The Australian Foreign Affair Department has also contacted the French ambassador.

Mr Bowen said Australia's opposition to and concern about nuclear testing in the Pacific, and to all nuclear testing, had been repeatedly made clear to the French Government at the highest level, including M Cheysson.

• TOKYO: The Foreign Ministry lodged protests vesterday with the embassies of the Soviet Union, the United States, France, China and Britain against nuclear tests, an official said (AP reports).

According to information obtained by the ministry, the Soviet Union conducted about 25 underground nuclear tests last year and one on February 19 this year.

The United States carried out 5 such tests last year, including one jointly with Britain, and two tests this year.

#### Young unemployed swell Grenada's police force

From Trevor Fishlock, St George's, Grenada

The pay is low, but young men and women are flocking to Brian Graves, has been sent to join the police in Grenada. As St George's to help to reorgapart of the reconstruction of a nize the force and £300,000 of shattered community. the Britain's recent £750,000 grant island badly needs to build a to the island is being spent on new force on the rubble of the the police. The force needs old. In the meantime, the island vehicles, radio and police and Caribbean troops.

The police force was humili-

Bishop government took power five years ago. Its law-keeping powers were reduced and Troops still patrol with rifles, stations were closed as the but there is no longer a security ruling party's forces took over problem and the police go

By the time of the American only basic training. Most quit or been forced out.

and they operated from ram-the police will take over the job shackle buildings. Their repu-of keeping order. tation had diminished during the rule of Sir Eric Gairy because they were associated with an unpopular administration. It sank even more during the rule of the revolu-

tionary government.

Today the force has 350 men and women and the aim is to reach the full strength of about 600 by the end of next year. Men have been called from relirement to help to fill the gaps and recruits are being rained at a centre in Barbados built by Britain in 1957 and still nartly funded by it.

A British police adviser, Mr is patrolled by 750 American stations, but the pressing re-and Caribbean troops. stations, but the pressing re-quirement is training and the building of a body of senior ated and cut in size after the officers. Few of the Grenadian police have had any advanced training.

unarmed. The Americans are anxious to withdraw their 300 invasion, police strength had men from the security froce, been halved, to about 280. But many islanders feel that mostly junior men who had had their presence has at least a men from the security froce. psychological value.

to pull out and leave Caribbean The police had little trans- forces to provide security.

The Americans say they want

One reason why many young men and women are applying to join the police is that people sense that the image of the force and its former pride, are being restored. But another, and stronger reason, is that unem ployment in Grenada is high.

Discontent about this is growing and there is concern that it poses a long-term threat to stability at a time when the structure of society is fragile. Grenada certainly has an urgent need for a good police force, but the need for help in creating employment is no less pressing.

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#### Student in torture case 'informed' From Michael Hornsby

A former student leader who is suing 10 security policemen for 113,000 rands (£64,570) in damages has been accused in the Pretoria Supreme Court of being a police informer who betrayed other political acti-

The charge was made by the advocate for the policemen during cross-examination of Mr Auret Van Heerden, a former president of the liberal and predominately white National Union of South African Students. Mr Van Heerden denied that he had ever been an

Mr Van Heerden, who was detained without trial between September, 1981 and July 1982. had earlier given detailed evidence of alleged torture at the hands of the security police. which included being hooded and given electric shocks.

#### Madame's 160 girls on Riviera

Nice (AFP) - A court here sentenced Mme Mirelle Griffon to three years in jail and fined her Frim (£83,000) after she was found guilty of recruiting young women to work as prostitutes for Arab princes and businessmen on the French Riviera. Eighteen months of her sentence were suspended.

According to the prosecution. Mme Griffon, aged 41, hired 160 girls from all over Europe, all blonde and over 5ft 8in in height. Some worked only once, and were said to earn Fr10.000 for a night's duties and gifts worth up to Fr60.000 each.

Mme Griffon gained 10m francs from her activities, which she ran from luxurious hotels and villas on the Côte d'Azur, the court was told.

Women testifying earlier this week said they had worked for Mrne Griffon of their own volition.

#### Pieces of ex-lover's body kept in freezer

Monchengladbach. Germany (AP) - A 26-year-old woman has admitted strangling her lover, sawing up his corpse, cooking parts of it and storing the pieces in her home freezer for almost a year. A spokesman of the Mon-

chengladbach prosecutor's of-fice said yesterday that Martina Zimmermann had confessed to killing Hans Josef Wirtz Frau Zimmermann mother of two children, was arrested with her ex-husband on Thursday, three days after a city gardener found 39 plastic freezer containers packed with

human flesh Police said 10 video films with brutal cannibalism scenes were siezed in a search of the

Zimmermann home. office prosecutor's spokesman said Frau Zimmer-



Planned to return.

mann told police that Herr Wirtz, aged 34, an unemployed barber and musician, had been interfering with her plans to return to her ex-husband, Herr Wilhelm Zimmerman.

# Inquiry opens in Angola into reported breach of Namibia ceasefire

Angolan and South African military and civilian officials are due to meet somewhere in southern Angola today to investigate claims by Pretoria that the ceasefire agreement reached in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, last week has been breached by guerrillas infiltrating into northern Namibia from Angola.

It will be the second meeting of the joint monitoring commission set up by Angola and South Africa in Lusaka where the first meeting was also held. It is not clear whether the United States, which acted as mediator in Lusaka will be present. The Americans have, however, already opened a monitoring centre in Win-

dhoek, the Namibian capital. A statement by the Foreign Ministry said that South Africa would be represented on the commission by a Brigadier, three commandants and a senior foreign affairs official. It said that the meeting would also be attended by General Jannie

complains

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Geldenhuys, the Chief of the week ago and had discussed it

Late on Thursday night Mr of them had already crossed trol. into the northern Ovambo and South African military souces Kavango regions of South suggested that Swapo may be drying to get as many of its men

move into the areas vacated by tration. South African troops as they In talks with American completed the withdrawal from officials in Washington this southern Angola begun on

Diplomatic sources here were uncertain how seriously to take South African forces in Angola. the claimed threat to the He said Swapo would abide by ceasefire, particularly as Mr the Lusaka agreement but Botha, according to his own would not lay down its arms account, had been aware of until there was a ceasefire in Swapo activity more than a Namibia itself.

with the Angolans in Lusaka. On that occasion he appar Pik Botha, the South African ently accepted the Angolan Foreign Minister, claimed that explanation that some Swapo 800 Swapo (South-West Africa units might have started mov-People's Organization) guer- ing south before January 31 rillas were moving through from points which at that time southern Angola, and that 200 were not under Angolan con-

Mr Botha gave warning of as possible down into Namibia, possible "hot pursuit" reprisals where they can disappear into against the infiltrators who, he the largely sympathetic local said, were violating Angola's population, before the ceasefire undertaking that Swapo guer- takes full effect in southern rillas would not be allowed to Angola, ending further infil-

week, Mr Sam Nujoma, the Swapo leader, said that Swapo welcomed the disengagement of

# **Basque funeral**

From Douglas Tweedale **Buenos Aires** 

The chairman of a congressional committee of foreign affairs here has said that efforts to normalise relations between Britain and Argentina have reached a dead end because of British intransigence in its

negotiating position. Schor Storani, who heads the Flouse foreign relations committee and is known to be close 10 President Raul Alfonsin, told the English language Buenos Aires Herald yesterday that diplomatic exchanges between the two countries have yielded no substantial advantages".

"Britain has only changed the wording and the order of its proposals." Señor Storani told the *Ucrald*. Later. in an interview with *The Times*, he made it clear that he was referring to a series of "ideas" put forward by Britain last January 26, not to a new British

Senor also told the local newspaper that he believed there would be no agreement in President Alfonsin planned to deliver a message explaining the status of the indirect nego-With Britain. He said Schor Alfonsin's message would 'try to deflate the exaggerated expectations building up around this issue rather than unveil a secret agreement.

A Foreign Ministry spokes man, Seño Albin Gómez, said that the *Herald* article "rep-resents Señor Storani's personal judgement based on his own knowledge of the issue", and denied that Argentina had received any new proposals from Britain.

This was confirmed by a reliable source in the Foregin Ministry, who said it would be "inexact" to say that contacts with Britain have broken down.

Other diplomatic sources also affirmed that there has been no British reply to Argentina's latest proposals for talks aimed at normalizing relations severed because of the Falklands War.

The most recent diplomaic exchange took place on February 16, when Argentina sent a formal reply to a series of British suggestions relating to the renewal of commercial and

# Argentina | Anti-ETA chants at

racy and liberty. He made his dramatic speech

after flying to San Sebastion to attend the functal of Enrique Casas Vila, a Socialist candidate in tomorrow's Basque general election who was assassinated here on Thursday. The killing, from which ETA

is seeking to escape responsi-bility, brought the Basque election campaign to a abrupt halt. However, the electoral commission has assured the one and a half million Basque voters that polling will go ahead tomorrow. The Casas killing, which was

the first assassination of a parliamentary candidate since the restoration of democracy in 1977. has revived sombre memories of Spain's bloodstained politics. Señor González said in his

address: "Do not ever forget liberty is lost when a people begin to fear to defend it. Particpate fully and say no to terror. The Prime Minister, whose

time of arrival from Madrid was kept secret, was speaking headquarters.

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, said here yesterday that the time had come for "all Basque people" to shed their fear of terrorist violence and to defend democ-

"ETA, you are fascists, you kill workers," and "ETA traitors" were two of the chants. Many people outside the church applauded the singers, and women threw red roses - a symbol of the Socialist Party and of its victory in the 1982 general election on to the coffin. The killing, coming only hours after ETA had publicly called on voters to back the extreme left-wing Basque nationalist coalition, suggests divisions within the terrorist

organization. ETA's military wing has denied killing Señor Casas, and the "anti-capitalist autonomous commandos," one of its break-away factions yesterday also disclaimed responsibility, reversing its initial position.
Señor Casas, who only returned to Spain in 1975, the

year Franco died, after 14 years working in West Germany told The Times last week that ending ETA violence was an essentia econdition for reviving the depressed Basque economy.

Señor González emphasized that Senor Casas's name will sympathy vote is obviously sympathy vote is obviously likely for the Socialists. An the Spanish and Basque flags, was carried shoulder high by trade unionists through San now looks less assured.



manipulator foot restraint to work outside the space shuttle Challenger on its recent flight

### The Democrats try very hard to be nice to each other

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington



of past debates had disap-peared when the eight candidates for the

Democratic presidential nomination faced each other on Thursday night for the last big event before next week's crucial primary in New Hampshire.

In a nationally-televized debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters the eight hopefuls sought to put past confrontations behind them as they bent over backwards to be nice to each other and to present a semblance of unity.

A realization of the damage which previous clashes have caused the Democratic Party partly explains why the eight decided to concentrate their criticisms on President Reagan rather than on each other. But it was also clear that, following the results of the lowa precinct caucuses last Monday, five of

The Justice Department has closed its eight-month investi-gation into how the 1980 Reagan presidential campaign obtained briefing papers from President Carter's White House – a mini-scandal dubbed "Briefingate" or "Debategate" by the American press. A spokesman said it had found no credible evidence that the transfer violated any criminal

the eight were preparing themselves for an early departure

Mr George McGovern and Senators Alan Cranston and Ernest Hollings seemed almost to be rehearsing their exit lines. Mr Reubin Askew, realizing that his days of public exposure are numbered, appeared deter-

The Rev Jesse Jackson is with President Reagan.

likely to stay in the race longer than the other four, but he uncharacteristically dispirited and displayed little of the oratorical flair that had enlivened previous debates. His normal self-confidence seemed to have been punctured by an early question about antisemite remarks he is repored to have

In the debate Senators Gary Hart a John Glenn solidified their status as the main challengers to Mr Walter Mondale, who maintains a two to one lead over his nearest rivals in the polls.

Senator Glenn drew laughter and applause from the audience when he said: "People say I am dull and boring. I admit to being dull. I don't admit to being boring."

mined to get in as many words and confident of victory in as possible before he called it Tuesday's primary, spent most of the time contrasting himsel

### Death row veteran waits for Japanese justice

justice turn slowly; sometimes they just stop. That is why Sadamichi Hirasawa, convicted in the spectacular 1948 Im-perial Bank murder case, this

Each day for nearly 29 years he has waited on Death Row, longer than any condemmed man still alive, uncertain whether it would be the last. In Japan, the condemned do not

occupatin, remain unanswered. The Justice Minister, for its own reasons, balks at carrying

Successive Justice Ministers have refused to approve the execution order. Hirasawa is one of the last convicted during the murky postwar era, when police had more power and a murder conviction could be based on circumstantial evi-

in Tokyo, Hirasawa's sup-

for retrial (the case was reopened in the mid-1960s) and

Supreme Court sealed his fate. Hirasawa was a well-known tempera painter in mid-1948 when police arrested and charged him with the cyanide murder 12 people, including a child, at the Shiinamachi branch in Tokyo of the now defunct Imperial Bank. Exhibitions are still held to support

The crime occurred at closing time on January 26, 1948. A man posing as a health official entered the bank and announced that he had come to administer an anti-dysentery medicine. All but four of the 16 present died from the poison-laced dose. While they col-lapsed, the culprit robbed the

2,000 with some link to the scene whom the police questioned. He failed, however, to prove the origins of a large for a poor artist - amount of money he carried. From the trial's start, Hirasawa claimed innocence. A confession obtained by police, he says, was made under severe duress after 37 days of questioning.

cated poison crime was probably carried out by an expert, possibly a former military man. Hirasawa had no background

#### **Tunisians** quit jobs in post-riots unrest

Tunis (AFP) - A wave of throughout Tunisia appeared to be growing, with nomail deivered since the beginning of the week, social security workers out and bank workers oining them next week. From March 1 bakeries could be hit. Most primary schoolteachers

struck last Tuesday and next day university classes were boycotted in protest against the arrest of Islamic fundamental-Most of the strikes are in

support of pay claims but and come at a time when wages are generally raised to compensate for inflation. The violent riots which swept the country twmonths ago over food prices, and the political debate nourished by opposition publications seem to have influenced

#### Onassis again

Paris - Christina Onassis. thrice-divorced daughter and heires of the late Greek shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, has become engaged to M Thierry Roussel, owner of Parisian modelling agency, They are both 33.

#### Athens gives in

Athens - Greece has formally renounced its territorial claim on northern Epirus, the mane the Greeks give to southern Albania where a large Greek community has lived for centuries. This conforms with the Union Exercise Community Conforms with the Conforms w Helsinki Final Act which says existing frontiers in Europe are

#### Porn only

Madrid (AFP) - Spain is to open its first cinmas specializ ing in X-rated pornographic films. Twenty-two X-cinemas have been authorized: eight in Madrid, two each in Barcelona Saville, Valencia, Alicante and Palma de Malorca and one in Almeria, Granada, Lérida and Zaragoza.

#### Spy executed

Peking (Reuter) - A man was executed in Shanghai for pass-ing on military and political secrets to Taiwan and inciting others to become spies. Zhu Shouzhong, according to a press report, was recruited by Taiwanese intelligence in Hongkong, where he had fled after escaping from a Chinese labour camp.

#### Terrorists jailed

Genoa (AP) - Nincteen members of the left-wing Red Brigades received jail sentences ranging from 18 months to 25 years for a series of terrorist acts including kidnappings in the Genoa area between 1977 and 1981. They used the money to buy arms.

#### Births drop

Peking (AFP). - A fall in the birth rate in China's two most populous provinces. Sichuan and Henan, is being interpreted as a boost for the country's onechild birth control policy. In Sichuan the rate fell from 28.98 a 1.000 in 1971 to less than six a

#### Plant blasts

Pietermaritzburg (AP) Three explosions damaged but did not knock out the Georgedale power station near this Natal city early yesterday police said. No one was injured and nobody claimed responsi-

#### Cupboard death

New York. (Reuter) armed security guard Roy Shultz, aged 54 was found strangled inside a cupboard at West German consulate here, on the eighteenth floor of a Park Avenue office building.

#### Flights cut

Islamabad (AFP) - Pakistan International Airlines cancelled a third of its domestic and struck for the third day running to protest against the banning of

#### Dogs eat boy

Madrid - Dogs guarding a house in the town of Cabrerizo. near Saiamanca, killed and partially devoured a boy of six who climbed over the wall to retrieve his cap which playmates had thown to the dogs.

# THE ARTS

# Composed thoughts



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A year ago the players of the Halle Orchestra chose Stanislaw Skrowaczewski as the seventh principal conductor in their 125 years' history. Before taking over in Manchester in September, he brings his orchestra to the Barbican tonight. In a programme of Elgar. Beethoven and Sibelius, a London audience will have a chance to sense the distinctive character of a man who spent 19 years as director of the Minuesona Symphony Orchestra, and who, in the 60 years of his life, has conducted and composed his way through Europe, the United States, Israel, South America and Japan.

Cautious in projection, Skrowaczewski: consistently pushes his own character and ideas to the back and sides of a conversation they become refracted and surface through discussion of others. Like his teacher of composition in Paris for example, Nadia Boulanger.

"She didn't really teach med she observed, made suggestions, and always entered into my point of view. She had a mind an X-ray or a com could turn the pages of a new score and immediately spot the inconsistencies. And she was always right. Artistically we were poles apart: She was at that time under the influence of the new classicism of Stravinsky, which I loved but which didn't inspire me to compose. But this style, and that of Jean Françaix, for instance, brought a necessary clarity to my works which were then confused, over-orchestrated, too polyphonic."

Last March, Skrowaczewski's Clarinet Concerto was introduced to this country. "I felt the drive to compose from the age of four. And my development as a pianist was due not to a desire for a career, but simply to absorb music. Later I had some concerts and apparently they went well. But soon it was boring me, and I preferred to compose." When a war injury damaged his hands, Skrowaczewski turned to conducting

Skrowaczewski dislikes conducting his own works. "The Clarinet Concerto was programmed before my decision to become principal conductor. As such I would not do anything of mine now. I would not consider it proper. The only way the Halle is likely to play his music is by special commission: at Minneapolis it was 10 years before he consented to write anything for performance there: and then it was only through lack of literature for the English

Meanwhile, he has specifically asked for guest conductors connected with composing "Gunther Schuller, I hope, and Henze perhaps. One or two in a season is very good for an orchestra and they have the sort of perspective I appreciate very much.

Skrowaczewski returned for time to Poland. But in 1956 George Szell heard him conduct in Rome and in 1958 invited him to Cleveland. Five years later he and his wife took American citizenship. Szell. whose meticulously prepared. clegantly analytical approach, had clearly had its influence of Skrowaczewski, is, for him. "One of the greatest conductors who ever existed. His deep knowledge of style, his wonder ful car for articulation and balance - and his taste - all have inspired mc. He had the ability to form an orchestra round his ideas".

He speaks of his decision to accept the Halle post as an emotional, not a rational one. "I felt very happy as I was, enjoying my freedom. But artistically I believed the connexion would be fruitful on both sides. The will and the ideas are there. This is now mylife, and it's much easier 10

Hilary Finch

#### Lebanon presses for UN | Saudi peace force with real power From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The Lebanese Government peace keeping operations is has made clear that it is looking dependent on the goodwill of for an effective United Nations the parties to a ceasefire. force to be deployed throughout Lebanon is asking its territory with the power to impossible. Mr Fakhour's keep the peace rather than serve remarks appear to indicate the as an abstract symbol, hostage Lebanese Government's refue-to Lebanon's volatile politics. Lebanese Government's refue-tance to see a UN force in place. to Lebanon's volatile politics. Mr Rashid Fakhouri, the Lebanese representative, told cently expressed the fear that the UN Security Council that deployment of UN peacekeep-the mandate given to any UN ers along specific demarcations. force must be proportionate to such as the Beirut "green line". the enormous task involved would be tantamount to par-Lebanon would prefer the peace tition. But diplomats believe keeping operation not to be that their underlying concern limited to Beirut but extended would be the inability of a UN to the areas occupied by Syrian force to protect President Amin and Israeli forces. Since the success of UN collapse.

Lebanese officials have re-

Gemayel's Government from

# Identity cards pledge

From Diana Geddes, Paris

tary Under Secretary at the Foreign Office, said after talks details, with French officials here that he was "quite optimistic" about the chances of finding a solution to the disputed use of excursion wishing to travel to France

Francis Gulmann, secretary ceneral of the French Foreign Ministry, as "term useful mo-passport excursion indentity cards", which are issued by travel agents for short visits of up to 60 kers the ministry as "term useful more passport excursion indentity cards", which are Ministry, as "very useful and constructive", and said that the important proposals to the birth or nationality.

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Mr Ray Whitney, Parliamen- French which were now being

French officials caused a furore last August when they refused entry to a number of British citizens of black Comidentity cards by British citizens monwealth origin whose only indentity papers were the so-called "no-passport excursion

The card contains no indi-British had presented a set of eation of the beater's place of

# role pleases Whitehall

One more time: Elizabeth Taylor and her latest fiancé,

Victor Luna, leaving a New York restaurant after seeing

a Broadway show. He is her seventh fiancé and would be-

her eighth husband - she married Richard Burton twice

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

Prince Abdullah, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, met Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday and was told that Britain welcomed Saudi efforts to mediate in the Lebanon crisis.

The two men met for an hour to discuss the Gulf war as well as the situation in Beirut. Earlier, the Prince met Mr lichael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary. They discussed a range of defence interests. according to sources. The Ministry of Defence would not comment on speculation about an .\ngio-Saudi arms deal.

Prince Abdullah saw Mr Heseltine after spending the previous day with the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington, Dorset and the Royal Artillery at Larkhill, on Salisbury Plain. A firing demonstration by two of the Army's new Challenger tanks was among the events arranged for him. He also saw a 105mm light gun

being flown into position by

Puma helicopter and fired, and

inspected the new MCV80 armoured car.
The Prince, who leaves for Riyadh today, is commander of the 25,000-strong paramilitary National Guard, for which Britain supplied £200m worth of communications equipment in a secret deal two years ago.

#### **US** doctors asked to freeze fees

From Iver Davis Los Angeles

Some 400,000 American physicians will be asked to freeze their fees for a year beginning immediately, according to Dr Joseph Boyle, president-elect of the powerful American Medical Assiciation (AMA). "We are concerned that the cost of health care continues to rise", Dr Boyle told The Los Angeles Times. "We are am-ware of the high level of anxiety among patients that they may find it difficult to pay for the

care that they need. The proposed nationwide voluntary fee freeze follows a somilar action taken last by the California Medical Assicitation's house Delegates, which urged other state medical associations

In recent years the fees of physician have consistently accounted for about 19 per cent of the total cost of health care. according to medical association statistics.

Last year doctors' fees rose 7.5 per cent nationally com-pared with 6.4 per cent for all medical care and 9.3 per cent for hospital care. Dr Boyle said a main motive

rationing is a possibility that could lead to a decrease in

For the seventh successive

ear Christian topped the list in 1983 of the most popular names

for German baby boys, while Stefanie was the first choice for

In the absence of birth

announcements in national newspapers, from which diligent social historians can

compose their annual no-

menciature of the upper classes.

track is kept of infant Germans

by the Society for the German

Language in Wiesbaden. And

last year's tally shows that today's Germans respond to

very different appellations from

girls.

for recommending the fee freeze was to avoid the possibility of medical care being rationed. The AMA has long arned thast

In Japan the wheels of month turned 92 behind bars in a detention centre in northern

know when their time is up. Controversy still swirls round the case Hirasawa staunchly maintains his innocence. Doubts about the polic investigation, carried out during the height of the postwar

out the court-ordered execution.

porters marked the birthday by filing another plea for elemency with the Justice Minister. The Save Hirasawa Committee calls the continued imprisonment a "barbaric infringement of buman rights". They rear Hirasawa will die of ill health before the 30-year limit on carrying out the death penalty

French names - Nicole.

especially popular for girls,

while boys strike a more biblical

note: Schastian, Daniel, Benja-

Newcomers to last year's list include Florian and Sarah, but

the top 10 have otherwise

remained more or less constant.

However, if Kathrin and Katha-

rina were grouped together, this

name would easily head the

min and, of course. Christian.

# More than a dozen motions

calls for amnesty have been made since 1955 when the

his cause.

Hirasawa was one of about

His supporters strongly believe that the highly sophisti-

# Auf Wiedersehen Wolfgang, hello Tom

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1 Christian (1)
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3 Minhael (3)
Christine or Christina (2) Katharina (9) 4 Daniel (2) 4 Daniel (2)
5 Alexander (8)
6 Stefan (4)
7 Benjamin (9)
8 Fiorien (-)
9 Thomas (10)
10 Andreas (7)
Nicole (7)

1962 per exhaustive lists from register

table for girls.

According to Dr Wilfried
Seibicke of the University of offices throughout West Germany, seven of the boys top 10 Heidelberg, whose list more accurately covers the social have remained in the charts the Wolfgangs and Gertrudes of spectrum than The Times yesteryear. since 1977. Fixtures in the girls' list are Adolf.

Stefanie. fluctuating between first and second. Christina (or Christine), Melanie, Nicolc and Kathrin. Sabrina - the most fashionable of fashionable names soared up the charts, but equally quickly vanished. Her successor, Romina, now doing

> cral, drawing apparently from Romina Power, an Italian pop People say the old names are back in vogue, but there seem to be few young Friedrichs, Kon-rads, or Dorotheas around. And, of course, there is one boy's name virtually unknown for anyone under the age of 40:

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## THE ARTS

Opera

# Unmagical through thicket and thin

Bloomsbury Theatre

Goethe is said to have looked to Beethoven for a musical setting of his Faust; his opinion of Louis Spohr's opera of 1813 has not be recorded, but surely even a man of his dubious musical taste would have been grateful not to be associated with it. For, instead of following the path newly trodden by the poet. Spoke and his librettist made their own way through the thicket of sources, and of course they got rather considerably less

This Faust is an ardent young Romantic hero in pursuit of love, tricked and foiled by a Mephistofeles who is merely a conjuror procuring homicides or translocations hither and you in almost every scene (and there are quite a lot of those). What results is a cross between Don Giovanni and pantomime, with a score that no macabre, magical or melodramatic situation will ever sway from its

Even so, the piece is worth reviving when it is so well done by University College Opera, and when it arouses such puzzlement about nineteenth century taste. Victoria and

Albert themseives asked for the revision of 1851 used in this production, converting the original Singspiel into a fully sung opera, and in its first form the work impressed Weber by its adumbration of what in Wagner's hands became the leitmotif, even if Spohr's unexceptional little ideas are a very long way from achieving that kind of character and range. Weber and Berlioz were surely much more useful examples to

At least the score has a

thoroughly prepared and replayed performance Christopher Fifield. cently under Robert Carsen's production sets the opera at the time of its composition, which causes some problems: Empire ladies were not commonly saved from fates worse than death by posses of armed knights, nor Regency beaux slaughtered by sorcery. But the new period does give Robert Dean an appropriately Byronic persona for a strong interpretation of the title role. Roger Bryson is an eminently plausible Mephistofeles, stern and dark of voice, the black Leporello of the opera, and the ladies, of nobility and sentiment, are very effectively portrayed by Elizabeth Ritchie and Louise Winter respectively.

Paul Griffiths

#### Theatre

# Lost innocence

**Brighton Rock** 

Belgrade, Coventry

Graham Greene wrote that Brighton Rock was begun as a detective story and "continued, am sometimes tempted to think, as an error of judge-ment. Its curious, distinctive amalgam of thriller and philo-sophical novel did not deter Frank Harvey from adapting it for the London stage within five years of its publication.

As revised by Stephen Wyatt for Simon Dunmore's pro-duction, the Harvey version works better than you might expect, making great play with cross-cut episodes (some of only s few lines) marked by quick lighting changes, though some long static scenes remain.

Adrian Rees's set fits a balconied stretch of promenade, a cavernous Ghost Train, the table at Snow's and Pinkie's bedroom-headquarters on the the stage while still managing to leave space for the actors. In the opening sequences there almost seems room for the hunted Fred Hale (David Goodland) to escape, but the protection gang has numerous entrances appear from and can close in

design's steel-grey elegance, however, departs radically from the seediness so painstakingly evoked in the novel, and it irons out contrast. Meanwhile the same thing has happened with the casting.

emphasis on Rose's mousiness and the fat or spotty plainness

of the sunbathing girls, there is not an unattractive bit of

"polony" in sight. Kevin McMonagle's Pinkie is no tender lad of 17 with experience-hardened eyes, but a Kray lookalike of 25, or so, with very few stirrings of terror or

incipient compassion.

In the interview with Colleoni (for which Richard Moore adopts a heavy Jewish accent and an outfit like a wedding usher), he is smart and largely undaunted by his adversary or surroundings, the latter comprising two cushions added to what has just been an eating-house banquette. Without some suggestion of innocence (a crucial theme in the book) a whole dimension is lost; his death is simply the baddie's

Fortunately the women have a firm grip on the essentials. and Andrea Wray's trusting ingenuousness as Rose is so convincing that you stop mind-ing about her Singer Sargent profile. Likewise, Davilia David may not be nearly ample or mature enough for ida (actually created in 1943 by Hermione Baddeley). But as an implacable avenging angel cheerfully run-ning on a fuel of Guinness, she knows what she wants and

Anthony Masters



Kevin McMinagle and Andrea Wray as Pinkie and Rose

#### Concert

# Of monsters and men

Sinfonietta/Knussen Bloomsbury

I know music is pretty diverse these days, but I doubt you could find a more curious couple than the two main works in the Arts Council's present touring programme. In the blue corner we have In Sleep In Thunder, in double abstraction presenting us with Elliott Carter's response to Robert Lowell's response to the human condition, and in the red, blood-red and dripping, H. K. Gruber's Frankenstein!, which knows nothing about Man but a

One might have feared the two would cancel cach other out, but the contrasts invigor-ated both, as did excellently acute performances by London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen, with Martyn Hill again taking up the challenge of Carter and Gruber himself, doing his inimitable impression of a werewolf, as children's entertainer and cabaret artiste.

good deal about monsters,

vampires, bats and corpses,

If, nevertheless, the Carter tended rather to hang fire, that work is possibly because it is a less wonderful work than it ought to be. Coming at the end of a triptych of late vocal compositions, it lacks the excitement its predecessors had in venturing on something new:

here Carter knows only too well how to work the medium of voice plus mixed instrumental ensemble.

The words are a stumbling block too, In making Lowell's sort-of sonnets into sort-of songs, Carter inevitably slows them to a pace too ponderous for the wit to remain or the philosophising to appear other than pompous. Mr Hill did well to draw out what is fresh, vital and purely musical in Carter's phrases instead of seeking to interpret the texts, but still the work only really caught light when the instruments were in

Gruber's piece is differently balanced, indeed wholly and gloriously unbalanced, but here, too, one listened through the macabre nursery rhymes to the marvellous strangeness of their orchestral landscape, This is, of course, utterly shoddy, corrupt, banal and idiotic music, but done with such an exact feeling for those qualities that it achieves us own elegance. And Gruber's performance, through often repeated, is still as naive

and nasty as ever it was. There are, also two instrumental items, well paired with the principal works. Robin Holloway's Aria precedes Carter as a seriously argued song without words, and Harrison Birtwhistle offers a clockwork of musical machines before the

**Paul Griffiths** 

#### Television

# Fall into bad hands

As if to remind us, amidst the discussion about its alleged sins, that it still nourishes virtue, the BBC last night launched the first of a series of 20 plays by be done?), but his soft heart writers new to television with impels him to give it to the club Just Another Little Blues Song. by John Harvey.

Mr Harvey, who is a writer of pulp fiction, Westerns and thrillers, set his story in Soho, presumably before it was cleaned up. This Soho would make Sir Kenneth Newman reach for his telephone at once.

Frank is an over-the-hill saxophonist, playing for his supper and the wherewithal to pursue what he considers to be racing certainties, in a seedy little club. The well-known perversity of horses when it comes to running to form has put him in debt to a gang, and the nub of the play was his offset the key notion that Frank to raise the money to pay them

He raises it at last by persuading a pimp who owes him a favour to provide him with a certainty (can that really owner who is also being threatened.

It was plain from the start that Frank would come to a sticky end, and sure enough we last saw him about to have his hands broken. It was a dated little story but very well acted, principally by Adam Faith as the feckless Frank, Gwen Taylor as his ex-wife, and Alun

Lewis as one of the heavies. This BBC2 production, by Terry Coles, with direction by John Bruce, gave Mr Harvey every assistance and the music, by Duncan Lamont, was very good although his saxophone playing in Frank's stead rather

Dennis Hackett

# Female voices full of western promise

Radio

I am rather sympathetic to the lecture as form of communican in any sense create? cation - from which you may correctly deduce that I spent many hours of my youth in an ancient and encrusted seat of learning on the receiving end of many of them. I do believe that I enjoyed and was the wiser for a well-made lecture even then. However that may be, these days I rather look forward to the annual Reith ritual - three hours of solo talk in which a man (and once in 1961 a woman) can state a case uninterrupted by a single carping question or another whingeing point of view. And last week the same went for The Hibbert Lecture (Radio February 21; producer, Sue

This is the first time in its 100 year history that this lecture has been broadcast. Generally, l understand, it has been liberal Christian in tone and previous lecturers have included such figures as Albert Schweitzer and Sir Alister Hardy. The 1984 occasion was notable, then, not only for being the first to be heard by several hundred thousand people at the same time, but also because it was delivered by a woman, Dr Ursula King, Lecturer in The-ology and Religious Studies at Leeds University. And you might say that this latter fact alone offered a sufficient justification for the subject she had chosen to explore. Voices of Protest: Voices of Promise -Exploring Spirituality for a New ige developed the argument that women, now emerging from centuries of relegation to lesser roles, have unique qualities of sensitivity and vision from which it might be possible "to create a truly life-enhancing and world-transforming spirituality".

in some respects I found myself as sympathetic to Dr King's argument as to her lecture format. It has often seemed to me - in as far as one can scheralize on such a matter - that women are in certain respects more sensitive, more common-sensible, more practical, less childishly vainglorious than men. But is the anger at the "injustice of sexism" which Dr King sees as a fuel which will conduct them to their vision any different from the anger of any other kind of group that feels itself hard done by? Is anger a starting point from which anyone can truly hope to create a new spirituality? And besides, is spirituality some-

I also found myself asking whether women in general, or even feminist women in particular, can possibly be said to have any better-integrated "vision of wholeness" than the men, or to deny more comprehensively "the validity of an exclusive either/or". All in all, I came away from Dr King's address more stimulated, but feeling that while it would certainly be to our advantage is many attitudes and behaviour patterns between men and women could be transformed many of them are of a hidden kind which the somewhat exhortationary tone that Dr King increasingly adopted will do little to shift. I have the suspicion that we shall still be left with the problem that affects both sexes equally: that we are human.

Perhaps it was this liking for the single, uninterrupted voice that also made me prefer that first series of Barnes' People, monologues each spoken by a distinguished performer - to Peter Barnes' second set now running on Radio 3 under the direction of Ian Conterell. These are duologues and in coming nearer to being plays, they have lost those satisfactory inward and reflective qualities of the Both local station and the

BBC have been giving some attention to the half-centenary Elgar's death. Capital Radio in cooperation with Worcester' Radio Wyvern last Sunday put out Robin Blake's Enigma in which the composer in the last summer of his life surveys some of its landmarks. This was another single voice, but one that did on this occasion win me over. I think that in his writing Mr Blake had not really managed to capture the remi niscent feel of a man alone with his memories, and this was aggravated by John Woodvine's Elgar. Was he miscast? Or misdirected? At all event he sounded nothing like an old man remembering. For this, superbly done, it was necessary to turn to Timothy West repeating his performance of the dying composer, in a second hearing of Douglas Slater's The Recording (Radio 4, uary 23; director lan 23; Cotterell), a stylish play in which Mr West was much assisted by the well-judged

writing of his monologues. David Wade

# Lying on the beach, covered in oil, soaking up the sun. It's no holiday.



When a seabird lands on oil polluted waters, it becomes a living corpse.

Thick, sticky oil immediately covers the bird's body, seeping into the wings and clogging the feathers together.

The bird will lie on the surface of the oil struggling to remove oil from its plumage. In doing so, the bird will only ingest more oil. Eventually it may be washed ashore, and if it is not already dead, it will die sooner or later.

Every so often, after a major oil tanker disaster like the Torrey Canyon for example, the tragedy of the thousands of seabirds killed as a result of oil pollution is brought sharply into public focus. Such an accident is, after all, an important news story.

And for a while, the concern and the interest of the public in the plight of the disaster victims is high.

But a tanker disaster is an isolated incident. The real tragedy is that ships are dumping fuel oil and crude oil off the shores of Britain all the year round.

It is not accidental, and it is highly

illegal. But it is hardly a story to warrant news coverage, and most people are unaware that it happens at all.

Yet this cold-blooded practice means that Britains seabirds are constantly exposed to danger, constantly threatened with the most grisly form of death.

So what can you do about it?

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#### **SPORTING** DIARY

#### **Bullyettes**

A man who has long umpired women's hockey is giving it up because he cannot stand the violence. Tony McGarva made his decision after a recent match in which a player pushed him in the chest with her stick after she had been ordered off. "It was a very rough game," McGarva said. "Players were continually arguing and the language would have made a docker blush, I am too old to take this kind of aggro." The North Humberside Ladies (!) Hockey League called for a full report on the game.

#### Botham up

Ian Botham official testimonial season T-shirts are already on sale. They come in three different designs, all with a picture of our hero in mid-slog and a slogan that captures nicely the man's shy, retiring nature: "Beefy Botham: the Great All Rounder". Only £3.95. I can just picture them in the Long Room at Lord's in the summer.

● The England cricketers are so determined not to drink the water in Faisalabad on their imminent tour of Pakistan that they are taking their own. The Test and County Cricket Board is flying out eight days' supply, and could send a doctor and basic rations as well.

#### On the spot

Stockport County proved them-selves the League's worst penalty takers in their Associate Members' Cup match with Crewe Alexandra on Wednesday. With the score 2-2 after extra time, the match was to be decided on penaltics. Stockport not only missed all three of theirs, but each duff kick sailed over the bar to the goalkeeper's right at almost exactly the same spot, two of them right out of the ground. Crewe scored with all three.

#### Off target

Bognor Regis Town of the Isthmian League were planning to celebrate their centenary in 1995. Now they discover the club was actually founded in 1883, but it took 12 years to get round to joining a league. Club officials are frantically trying to organize a celebration in what remains of their centenary season, and hope to fix a friendly with a League club.

• Quote of the week: "It seems a lot to give the Wimbledon champion £60,000 or £70,000, but it is all relative to income." - Wimbledon's new chairman, Buzzer Haddingham.

#### Chap's cap

Steve "Chap" Redfern is the fastest prop in the business, admittedly not all that fast by the standards of ordinary men. He was England's for the match against Ireland last Saturday, and he told his colleagues on the bench that he had no chance of playing, as replacement props White was injured, his colleagues turned to remind him of his prophecy, only to find that Redfern was already on the pitch and champing at the bit. He got the nickname "Chap", apparently a normal form of address in Leicestershire, after he was introduced to a state governor on a tour of Australia "How are you doing, chap?" Redfern asked him. He has a second nickname: "Granite". No one will

• It grieves me to report that the match between Tasmania and New South Wales in the Tasmanian town of Devonport was abandoned on the last day. Gale-force winds snapped the sightscreen in two.

#### Olga's switch

Olga Korbut, the Tolkienesque star of the Munich Olympics, will soon be competing again, though this time the slick and supple movements will not be performed by her but by her three-year-old black stallion. Taken Kumon. Olga, now 28. married to a pop star and with a four-year-old son, is into dressage. Viktor Urgyumov. Byclorussia's senior dressage coach, says she is "ambitious, persistent, very well coordinated and painstaking". Of

#### Any advance?

Fascinating facts: I learn that 147 is not the maximum possible break in snooker after all. If your opponent pocket any colour, which counts as a red, and then your colour as normal. If it happens before a ball has been potted, you can take a colour for one point, followed by the black, then all colours. Total: 155. Has anyone ever

Simon Barnes

BARRY FANTONI



Honestly, monsieur, this £160 is a gift, not a bribe to leave your union Tory MP for Luton East, had come

# Noises off, murmurs on

Bryan Appleyard meets Samuel Beckett. in London to fine tune a new production of 'Waiting for Godot'

Estragon: All the dead voices.
Vladimir: They make a noise like wings.

Estragon: Like leaves. Vladimir: Like sand. Estragon: Like leaves.

"Like leaves." Samuel Beckett demonstrates how to speak the line - with a suggestion of argumentative insistence. He almost whispers in a soft, surprisingly light Irish accent. The actor tries again. "Like leaves." Beckett nods his approval. The atmosphere in the theatre is one of intensity with no prospect of relief. Beckett is at the Riverside Studios

in Hammersmith rehearsing his most famous play. Waiting for Godot, which baffled audiences 30 years ago and is now an A level set text. His extraordinay output of novels and plays have made him, arguably, the most internationally established and revered figure in modern literature. Even this rehearsal is being observed by two American academics who are working on a three-volume book entitled Beckett at Work and by Professor Jim Knowlson, founder of Reading University's Beckett Archive which, since 1970, has been collecting every fragment of his work. Beckett's very presence imposes a powerful aura of concentration which enguls the entire auditorium.

The figure that is the focus of all attention is skeletally thin. He wears brown plimsolls, seemingly expensive grey flannel trousers, a shapeless beige pullover with leather patches on the elbows and a sheepskin coat, again apparently expensive. His lined haunted aquiline face is familiar from a thousand photographs but the light voice, the depth of the Irish accent and his shy warmth come as a series of mild

The story behind his two-week trip to London comes as an even greater shock. He is 78 in April and increasingly reluctant to leave his two French homes - but his visit to London represents the climax of his generous determination to complete a strange circle of events which began in 1954 when a 21-year-old white boy from Chicago was sentenced to death for armed bank robbery in California.

Rick Cluckey came from a standard rough background and the crime was common. But the robbers made the mistake of taking one of the bank's security guards a few blocks in their getaway car. This left them open to a kidnapping charge and a possible death penalty.

The death sentence was not carried out, but Cluchey served 12

On November 24 last year the press reported, under bold headlines, that

many children barely of school-

going age regularly watched viol-ence, sex and horror on their

television screens. The stories were

schools in England and Wales and

interviews with more than 6,000

The problem is that almost every

statement contained in the group's

report and uttered at the press

conference is denied by the other members of the research team who

compiled the data, the members of

Oxford Polytechnic's television

year. A meeting was convened at the House of Lords, with Lord Nugent

in the chair. Present were six Lords.

three MPs and representatives of

various churches. Also there were Dr Hill, a sociologist, who said he had become concerned by evidence

of the damaging effects of video

nasties on children, and Mr Brian

Brown, a Methodist minister and

head of Oxford Polytechnic's newly

After a meeting in July it was

agreed to launch a research project

with Hill as director and Brown as

associate director, with funds pro-vided by the "sponsoring group" -essentially those who attend the

original meeting - to the Oxford

In the meantime, Graham Bright,

formed television research unit.

The story begins on June 27 last

children. their parents

teachers.

research unit.



Beckett and 'Godot' actors: ex-death row prisoner Rick Cluchey and godson Louis Beckett Cluchey

plays: Waiting for Godot, Endgame and Krapp's Last Tape. In 1966 he left prison but kept the group going. It became the San Quentin Drama Workshop, a loose association of about 12 professional actors held together by Cluchey in Chigago. It is the only work Cluchey has done since he left San Quentin and clearly the only work he feels is worth doing. Apart from plays by Cluchey himself, the group performs only Beckett, an extraordinary way to support wife and children.

T've averaged about \$8,000 a year since I left San Quentin. That's around what we in America call the poverty line", he comments.

His son, who plays A Boy in this production, is ten. His name is Louis Beckett Cluchey. He was born in Edinburgh and taken to Paris at the age of four months to meet the man who had agreed to be his godfather. The childless Beckett had bought him a coat which the Clucheys couldn't bring themselves to explain was far too big. The Clucheys' five-year-old daughter is named Suzanne after Beckett's wife.

In September Cluchey's devotion will pay off with more permanent work. He is to begin lecturing on Samuel Beckett and the Universal Constant at De Paul University, Chicago. But for that course he has found he has had to break one of the rules his master laid down. Beckett had told him he must never read Deirdre Bair's biography. Beckett has not read it himself and declined to cooperate with its writing.

But until now the history of the San Quentin group has been incomplete. Its repertory contained years in San Quentin prison. During that time he was bitten by the theatre bug. He formed a group in the prison and put on three Beckett at Riverside finally completes the

Four out of ten children

have seen video nasties,

questionnaire reveals

Six-year-old addicts

circle. All three of the prison productions will have been transmuted into fully professional shows blessed with Beckett's imprimatur. For two weeks Beckett is now providing the final fine tuning. The production will be staged twice for schoolchildren at Riverside before leaving for the Adelaide Festival in

But it is clearly an effort Beckett arrives at the theatre from his West End hotel by Underground and sits in the bar drinking black coffee and at the mercy of somebody's decision to get on with rehearsals.

"You're not interviewing me are you." he asks and fixes me with a pale, unwavering stare through his thick glasses. "I don't give interviews." This is the determined privacy against which Bair had to struggle.

But once the distinction between interview and chat is established his conversation becomes surprisingly frank. He is genuinely unhappy to be talking about himself, preferring to direct attention to the actors and director. He never makes the usual vain assumptions of the famous that his interlocutor knows all about his career. The most familiar biographical elements emerge as if he had lived in complete anonymity for the

His age is beginning to tell. His posture, always described as "ath-letic" or "ramrod straight", has acquired a stoop around shoulder level and he betrays a slight impatience with his lapses of memory. Friends say he has been deeply distressed by the deaths of Patrick Magee, the actor for whom Beckett wrote Krapp's Last Tape, having only heard his voice on the radio, and of Roger Blin, the French

director who has been one of the most loyal champions of his work.
In rehearsal Beckett stands by the stage, his unwavering gaze fixed on the action. Occasionally he mur-murs directions waving his hands like a conductor to catch the rhythms of the the language. Every so often he walks up to the actors, whispers in a voice inaudible to the

rest of us, and demonstrates how to

move, walking slowly with a curious Everahing he does reinforces the symmetries of the play, tightens it, makes points more explicit, and action more precise. No variation from his instructions goes un-noticed. Nobody kids themselves that perfection is possible.

At lunch the obligatory Beckett fanatic pops up. Beckett is sitting awkwardly on a bar stool, sipping half a pint of Guinness largely unnoticed among the crowds. A man elbows his way into the conver-

"Excuse me, Mr Beckett, you don't mind do you? I've been a fan of yours all my life. I've been reading your stuff for 40 years." "You must be very tired," responds Beckett and breaks out

into a startling gale of laughter. For the duration of lunch Beckett indulges the fanatic, clearly happy to be engaged in slightly mindless banter. But the rest of the time the overwhelming impression is of a winter of painful and shocking sensitivity. The deaths among his few loyal friends have evidently cut him deeply. The austere and profoundly moving course of his work has always suggested an approaching cul-de-sac but in-variably in the past he seems to have found new ways ahead. Whether he can do so again remains to be seen.

Four children

in ten watch

video nasties

# My hot tip for Fleet Street

The silly season for the press used to be late July and August. It is now all the year round, at least for the tabloids including those with pretensions to being serious. On Tuesday, the whole of the front page of the Daily Express, most of page 2, the whole of page 3, and a large chunk of page 9 were occupied by "Andrew's new girl". The story made the front page of the Daily Mail, too. but not so noisily as they had borrowed it from the Express. It was predictably on the front page of The Sun. The Daily Mirror must have been asleep: I could find nothing about "Andrew's new girl" in it. However, on Wednesday, the Mirror and the Mail were on the trail, reporters and photographers blazing as were the other tabloids and so on into

Thursday. What had the "new gir!" done to merit all this attention? She and her parents had given a birthday party for Prince Andrew and a few other friends for which the lady in question was reported to have cooked the food. The Express recorded that at 1.30 am the Prince left with the rest of the guests who were laughing and joking and that he gave the young lady a goodnight

It sounds pretty ordinary. Hardly the stuff for acres of newsprint when Lebanon is on fire, the Iraq-Iran war may be about to dislocate the West's oil supplies and there is even Mr Wedgwood Benn and his by-election to write about. But Miss Koo Stark having run her boring day, Prince Andrew's "new girl" can now expect massive publicity and unrestrained harassment. There is no longer a close season for the silly season save among those few newspapers who do not think their readers need a keyhole account of any friendships Prince Andrew may happen to make. Any notion that he is entitled to privacy off duty has vanished.

Mark Thatcher, as the son of a famous mother, gets the same treatment. Yes, the Texan lady who went to church with him last Sunday is attractive. But what they may think about each other would once have been thought their private business. Can the mass circulation newspapers really be right in believing that their readers want to have endlessly exposed to them the details of the commonplace doings of the children of those in high places? The odd mention, perhaps, but hardly the floods of tittle tattle and pictures.

There may be more readers than the tabloids suppose like the father of Prince Andrew's "new girl" who sensibly observed: "You don't believe everything you read in the papers, do you?". In Mrs Thatcher's case, her son is

being used as a vehicle for unpleasant digs at her of the "willing to wound but afraid to strike" kind. This distascful course was started by The Observer, which thought it had got hold of a scandal over Cementation's Oman contract which it could project with a show of high-mindedness as a matter of genuine public concern. It was reminiscent of the "I made my excuses and left" technique of fearless reporters exposing vice but running out of courage at the moment of truth.

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Previously, the charge has been that he was too much of a playboy. Now the charge in The Observer, infected by the permanent silly season, is that he has been doing something useful and that Mrs. Thatcher ought to be ashamed of him; and of herself for allowing him to be with her for part of the time on her travels: something which was known to the press at the time and then excited no comment.

I agree with Lord Aberconway's letter in *The Times* on Tuesday, "Why should Mrs Thatcher, when visiting a foreign country on Britain's behalf, refrain from supporting the efforts of the only British company seeking a contract, just because a member of her family is employed by that company and he is one of a team seeking to win that ... contract?

Lord Aberconway, president of John Brown, seems relieved that he is not related to Mrs Thatcher, That would have brought charges of nepotism when she stood out against President Reagan trying to stop his company fulfilling its contract to supply gas turbines for the Russian pipeline. I hope Mrs Thatcher will tell future malicious enquirers trying to make scandal out of her doing her national duty in Oman to buzz off.

Newspapers should be carefulhow shouldy they get. ITN and BBC News have vast popular audiences without unremitting harassment of the children of the famous when they are doing things which most reasonable people would regard as their private affair, and without trying to create scandals where there are none. Fleet Street mass circulations have been going down, perhaps because they are abandonng real news to the wireless and:

Though it must be conceded that the best printed national newspaper, the Morning Star, does not leap in circulation by being earnest. Maybe it should publicize more its racing tipster, Cayton, who has the genuine popular touch. When I was at Oxford I had a standing order with a bookmaker for a bet on every Cayton nap selection.

I won so much that the books. maker closed my account. Between, last November 7 and February 23. Cayton headed the national newspapers' nap selections listed in the Sporting Life with a profit of £10.61. to a £1 level stake. The worthy Guardian's nap tipster was at the bottom with a loss of £29.34. Now

#### George Walden

# Cultivation should begin at home

defunct Think Tank have one thing in common: distrust of cultura diplomacy in general, and of the British Council in particular. Eliot cautiously approved of the council's post-war role of encouraging intel-lectual contacts, but was wary of state activity in culture in the long term. The Treasury, whose preoccupations are more pressing, seems to want to trim the council to bits. The Central Policy Review Staff wanted to abolish it outright.

the council's future pattern of spending yet again; its present level holds good only to April 1, In the process, all the old worries about the council's function and purpose will presumably resurface. Few bodies can have been reviewed and reassessed so much in so few years. As we reenter the cycle, it is a good moment to ask what it is all for - not just the council, but the reviews as

In six years there were three major inquiries. The CPRS had the first shot in 1977. This made the most waves, but accomplished the least. Ironically, Mrs Thatcher was more radical. When she took office in 1979 there was an immediate interdepartmental review, in which the Treasury was prominent and which sheared 1812 per cent off the council's core budget over four years. Only Sir Dick Troughton's personal brand of cultural diplomacy with the Prime Minister spared the council deeper misery. In yet a third overhaul, Lord Seebohm led a thorough management review in 1981, resulting in further efficiency measures.

The Treasury loves invisibles, but not intangibles. Hard and fast definitions of the council's work and raison d'être are not casy. One way to approach cultural diplomacy is to decide what it is not. It is definitely not a political arm of government, and has been remarkably successful tlike the External Services of the BBC) in keeping out of controversy over the years, given the potential political overtones of some of its

It is not an export promotion agency either. The British Council has rightly been encouraged to sharpen its awareness of the commercial angles of its work. Its value to the book trade is obvious, and it now makes a good deal of money teaching English abroad. But the notion that the council should see itself primarily as a commercial front is both unrealistic and dangerous because it encourages the myth that promotion can substitute for production. You can teach a foreigner English and sensitize him to things British, but he will still buy

T.S. Eliot, the Treasury and the now American or German if it is cheaper

Finally, for those whose hacklesrise at the word, the council has less to do with culture, narrowly defined, than people think. Only 12 per cent of its core budget goes on concerts, exhibitions, films and the like. What it does do is a good deal of worthy, if rather humdrum work, It teaches English to a lot of foreigners, against payment in richer countries, free in poorer places. It teaches teachers as Ministers will now be looking at (about 30,000) of student and academic exchanges.

What sort of image should we be projecting, and where should we concentrate our effort in the Third World, or in our new political base in Europe? There is scope for endless argument about the rights balance, some of it fruitful, some

A lot of this debate can bedebilitating. There comes a point when you have to ask yourself whether you are going to stay in the cultural diplomacy business at all if we are, we should install sounds management, limit the budget to what we can afford, and let the council get on with it. We have done: the first two, but not the last.

The extraordinary diversion of ministerial effort which can go into-fiddling with the image of Britain, rather than dealing with the substance is something that has to be seen to be believed. Lam as keen on financial rigour in the council as elsewhere, and believe that most of the savings made were necessary. But I would brandish my knife most menacingly and persistently over big budgets that are getting bigger than over small ones that are growing

There is an even more fundamental reason for some sense of proportion. Judith Hart, the former Labour Minister for Overseas Development, inadvertently highlighted it when she once lamented the financial restrictions on the encouragement of the study of Shakespeare in Guinea-Bissau, Hers were warm and worthy sentiments. But governments (and especially that of Dame Judith) could have, spent their time more profitably-ensuring that someone is still-reading Shakespeare in Britain in 10 years' time; or even perhaps by rereading Eliot's own sombre prognosis of decline in cultural and educational standards,

That way there will still be something for the British Council to export. Literacy is good for business. too. Culture, in fact, is rather like cars: exports do best when the domestic market prospers. The author is Conservative MP for ...

### How the national press splashed Dr Hill's claims: but how scientifically accurate are they? Casting cold water on the ketchup

Michael Tracey on a dispute over the report that shocked the nation

based on a press conference to announce the report of the Parliamentary Group Video Inquiry. The report, entitled Video Violence and top of the poll for Private Members bills and had decided to introduce Children: Children's Viewing Pat-terns in England and Wales, had legislation to ban video nasties. been completed by Dr Clifford Hill, What had been conceived as a study director of the inquiry.

The Daily Star said: "Appalled researchers discovered that video possibly lasting two years was suddenly under pressure to produce early results.

masties have replaced party games A questionnaire was prepared and distributed to 6.000 schoolchildren, and conjurors as entertainment at children's birthday parties; teenagers are left with the family video to be completed by them under the supervision of their teachers. The teachers were asked to lead a discussion, get the children to recorder for 'company' by parents who do without a baby sitter. parents seem unaware of the true describe their reactions to certain video films, and record the main pressurize their classmates or younger points. These were then to be brothers and sisters to watch nastics returned to the research team for and poke fun at the 'scaredy-cats' analysis. All the correspondence was in the name of the Oxford Unit and who refuse. "The report - sponsored by MPs. signed ether by Brown or Hill. peers and leading churchmen - is based on questionnaires sent to 206 The large part of the published

report and most of the statements in the press. derive not from the quantifiable data provided by the children filling in the questionnaire but from these notes of impressions made by teachers. This is the main point of contention: it is very difficult to see what can be claimed for such information, which of its nature can have no real social scientific significance.

A note prepared by the television research unit for Oxford Polytechnic's management committee states categorically: "Our main worry was that we knew that the report contained assertions and exaggerated claims allegedly supported by factual evidence. We know no grounds to support this statement. The report too was skewed and distorted and appeared to have been completed without any reference to the research data which we were still assembling. We know as a matter of fact that we did not collect much of the evidence cited ...

Dr Hill told me that many of the "teachers' reports" were passed directly on to him unopened by the research unit. What remains contentious is the social scientific validity of such reports, and the wisdom of placing such information alongside data gathered from a questionnaire

many instances where it believes that statements made in the report have no support in statistical evidence. Examples include: "The percentage of all children (including those from non-television families) whose families...". There was no data on TV ownership in the questionnaire. Working class children, especially those from large families, appear most at risk in watching the nasties". The survey did not ask any questions about family size, and the socio-economic data was contained not in the children's questionnaire but in one issued to parents which had not been analysed when that conclusion was arrived at and the report published.

The popular press delighted in the comments in the report of nine-yearold Warren: "I like all the blood coming out", and Stevie, also nine: "I like the bit in Driller Killer where he puls a man up on sticks and.... then he gets his drill and puts it through his stomach and he screams for ages." These quotes come from a "Covenity teacher with a class of primary school children". But no primary school children in Coventry were involved in the survey.

Dr Hill told me it had been assumed the school was in Coventry because the envelope carried a Covenury postmark. The major source of the rift

between Dr Hill and the television research unit was caused by what they regarded as the haste with which the report was written. On November 9. Dr Hill de-

livered by hand to Mr Brown's office a yellow folder containing a draft report. For reasons which remain unclear, the members of the unit did not notice this until November 14, also discovering a note to the effect that their comments had to be with Dr Hill by 5pm that day because of the wish to keep up with the timetable of the Bright legislation.

No data at all had been available from computer printout until November 8, the day before the draft report was delivered.

Dr Hill commented on this: "I'did not begin to write the statistical section of this report until I saw the trends already clear. The fact that that first draft went without statistics does not mean to say that I didn't have it. I had got the tables all drawn out ready to put the statistics in but of course they were changing with each printout."

In short, the body of the report was written before any statistical evidence was available, and most of the statements it contains are based on the teachers' reports, which can have no statistical significance.

The final issue which has been raised involved the removal of all the data and related correspondence from the television research unit by Dr Hill on November 25. Mr Brown was not present, his assistants protested at the removal but were told that permission had been given by a Polytechnic official. Dr Hill is adamant that a named offficial agreed to the removal, The difficulty however is not a

legal one, but a question of academic ethics and conduct. All the data and correspondence with schools, local education authorities and teachers had been on Oxford Polytechnic headed notepaper, some of which was signed by Dr Hill, Before November 23 the recipients could not have known that information was being collected for the Parlia-mentary Video Group, even though Dr Hill was undoubtedly the research director of the overall

One is left with many questions that need to be answered. Why was no contract issued, and why did Oxford Polytechnic agree to become involved in a project without clarifying all the legal and financial issues? Why did the report not make a clearer distinction between the statistical evidence and the more impressionistic information used? Was it wise to create an extraordin-arily tight timetable for the work? (The questionnaires were only sent out on October 12, and a draft report was available by November 9). Was it proper to remove the questionanaires and related materials from the research unit?

And, finally, is it a sufficiently accurate piece of research to frame the debate about the important issue of children and video mastics?

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#### THE MARRIAGE BOND

The Church of England's search for a satisfactory response to the phenomenon of widespread divorce in our society has reached the kind of critical point which demands great caution. How the church handles those whose marriages have been dissolved and who ask for a round stands as a public symbol of Christian teaching on marriage, and so there is much more to the issue than meeting the religious needs of the relatively few individuals for whom a second marriage in church may be of spiritual benefit. The church, under the leadership of the General Synod, has hitherto been heading towards a solution which would let those needs prevail over the conflicting priority: to uphold through thick and thin the doctrine that marriage is for life. But the particular procedures proposed by the synod for identifying worthy cases have been overwhelmingly rejected by the church at large, and the synod is meeting next week to pick up the pieces as best it can.

The rejected procedure - called Option G because it was once seventh on a list of possibilities being considered emerged from careful debate. with the eventual support of two thirds of the synod's membership, after all sorts of variations of substance and of detail had been discussed and turned down. It authorized remarriage in church of some whose previous marriage had been dissolved, laying down procedures to identify those cases where this would be appropriate. The proposal now coming forward, which might be called the Bishop's Option because it comes from that House and because episcopal discretion is its fundamental principle, has many elements which the synod did not want to incorporate into Option G. That alone is reason for hesitation. What seemed a bad idea a year ago is put forward as a good idea now. In fact Option G was a pretty fair attempt of which the synod need not be ashamed, and its rejection indicates that what the church has been trying to achieve is in fact unobtainable. The Bishops' Option, when thoroughly tested in debate, will be found to fall even further off the mark: indeed the synod may remember that it said almost as much last year, in shaping

The bishops will tell the synod widespread dislike of Option G. pline.

principle that a second marriage in church ought to be available in certain cases. That is their mandate for their new method. It is a questionable mandate. The clergy's response requires more sensitive interpretation than that, for what is most religious service the second time striking about opinion in the church is that no common mind exists on what those special circumstances might be, nor even on what theory should be applied to devise general groundrules. And that fact may stand for something deeper still: it could be the inarticulate voice of Christian conscience hinting that the church should not head in this direction at all.

Important changes in doctrine and practice of this kind are inadvisable unless there is a clear and coherent theological basis for them, and unless there is general consent to this basis. That cannot be said. In the Church of England there are many theologies of marriage, and many theological expla-nations of what divorce and remarriage entails, and none is dominant. What is virtually universal is the belief that Christian marriage ought of its nature to be lifelong. The reasons for wanting to remarry people who have been divorced are usually called "pastoral", meaning a sense of spiritual responsibility for those who have experienced failure in married life. So option G was "pastoral" in emphasis, with some theological dressing.

It was not surprising that the synod went down that road. Members were told, in effect, that a way could be devised by means of which they could have their cake and eat it, to be pastoral to sad cases while also upholding the Christian ideal of permanence. Any group would be likely to grasp at such an attractive proposition, not at that stage knowing that they were asking for too much. The church ought now to address the basic issue once more, with its new wisdom learnt in the experience of first writing, and then tearing up, Option G, and frankly admitting that there is not some Option H or 1 or J waiting to be discovered which would do the trick after all.

Within a discipline which rationed church marriage to one per lifetime, so to speak, there is unexplored scope for more pastorally sensitive treatment of those who seek the church's that their consultations with the spiritual help but cannot be intentioned efforts to dilute it clergy disclosed, along with accommodated within the disci- can now be abandoned with a

Any clergyman who feels he ought in conscience to perform a church wedding in these circumstances is already free to do so under the law of the land, though hitherto he has been discouraged by the church's own declarations. Recent developments will have diminished the force of these. More clergy will avail themselves of this right if the church's own discipline is not relaxed. That the church can live with. But it would do better by being more precise about the real spiritual needs of a couple at this moment in their lives. They do not ask the church to condone or condemn their relationship, but to provide an appropriate setting in which they can pray and be prayed for, with family and friends, with formality and dignity, leaving judgment to God. This is not quite the same

as the already widespread practice of holding so-called "services of blessing" after a registry office marriage - an ad hoc and unofficial rite tainted with ambiguity and a suspicion of hypocrisy as if the church was willing to confirm a marriage it had been unwilling to administer. Instead of this there should be a standard form, without ambiguity of title or content, of the same quality as the rest of the church's public services, and explicitly distanced from the marriage service, designed solely to help the couple to be together in the presence of God. That is all they really need if their desire for the church's ministry is genuine. This is the sort of generous ministry the church can supply while retaining the integrity of its doctrinal position. Those who are divorced may even prefer it to a church

toral Having done its best and failed, for honourable reasons, to find the means to contain conflicting priorities, the Church of England can return with renewed self-confidence to its traditional witness to the Christian ideal, and who can doubt that that is a witness society - in the midst of the present divorce epidemic needs to hear? It was a tradition the synod hoped would somehow stay alive in spite of the operation of Option G, a doubtful proposition; it is a tradition which would be even more gravely threatened by the Bishops' Option: it is the true Anglican tradition, and wellgood conscience.

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**VOTARIES OF SCIENCE** 

Fellows of the Royal Society meet on Wednesday for a postmortem on the election last year of Mrs Margaret Thatcher as an FRS. Forty fellows have requisitioned the meeting and will put forward an amendment to the statute under which Mrs Thatcher was elected. The statute declares a procedure, which is distinct from that by which fellows are ordinarily elected, for the election of persons who either have rendered conspicuous service to the cause of science, or are such that their election would be of signal benefit to the Society". They may be enrolled at the rate of

given time. Under that rule for special election, which came in at the beginning of the century, the only prime ministers not to be elected before 1940 were Campbell-Bannerman, who died early, and Lloyd George, a dubious quantity when it comes to honours. Fortunes have been more mixed since the war. Churchill, Attlee, Macmillan, Wilson and Thatcher have been singled out. Eden, Home, Heath and Callaghan have not, yet. been admitted to the temple of

one a year, and there are

generally a dozen or so at any

last for more than one Parlia-The critics would like both the procedure and the criteria contained in the statute to be redrawn, so as to insist upon some identifiable contribution to science, though it need not be as a practitioner of any branch of it. A second in chemistry at Somerville is a creditable gelical assault on the ease and achievement, but it does not in the ordinary way carry with it an FRS. The citation the society concocted for Mrs Thatcher's

science - perhaps you have to

candidacy went on to speak of her continued interest in science through her legal and political careers adding that "as secretary of state for education and science and as prime minister she has done much to strengthen the cause of science in the United Kingdom". It is that on which the dissenting fellows choked as they looked around them at the condition of university laboratories and publicly funded research programmes after five years of Thatcher discipline. They felt as dairymen might have felt had Mrs Thatcher been made honorary president of the Milk Marketing Board when she stepped down from the ministry

of education. Whatever the Royal Society eventually decides to do about these special elections - and the council concedes that the time has come round again for a general revision of statutes - it should not be too puritanical about the admission of lay eminence. The society was founded in 1662, in descent from Robert Boyle's "invisible academy" of natural philosophers. From the word go the well-disposed and well-connected outnumbered by about two to one the men of science proper. Sir Joseph Banks, the longest serving and one of the greatest presidents, counselled the inclusion of those whom, from their position in society or their fortune, it might be desirable to

retain as patrons of science. society in the second quarter of the nineteenth century resembling the contemporary Evanamplitude of the Established Church. Zeal and high seriousness took over. The society was held to be too little occupied in

#### Courts' circular From Mr David Roberts

Sir, It is good to note (report, February 14) that the Home Secretary is issuing a circular to courts commending proposals to reduce delays. May I draw attention to a source of serious delay in trials which his department appears unwilling to remove.

.Visits to prisoners on remand in low prisons by barristers and solicitors have, on occasion and for A mood of reform seized the

good reason, taken place during evenings and at weekends. This necessary facility, operating to my knowledge for over 20 years, has recently been stopped at Horfield Prison, Bristol. Payment for staff involved was not specifically authorized and the Horfield Prison. cally authorised and the Home

Office refuses to grant authority.

This ban is already delaying trials in the crown court and its cumulative effect will be, not only to neutralize Lord Justice Watkins's reforms, but will cause very serious

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There were too many dilettanti too many non-playing members. A comprehensive revision of statutes was achieved in 1847 including changes in the method of election. This was quickly followed by the transformation of the Royal Society into the scientific institution of preeminence that it has remained. Even so, special provision was made for the election, without scientific qualification, of princes, peers and privy councillors. The society was still mindful of the advantages of its informal establishment. In spite of all the social

the advancement of science,

changes these advantages remain, and the Royal Society may as well continue to enjoy them; and anyway some traces of establishment are appropriate in view of the public functions the society performs. It could adopt the device of honorary fellowships but that is not quite the same thing. Its tradition has been to recruit from among the rich and powerful on the basis of equality. A body of scientists that has swallowed in its day the first Lord Iveagh, Sir Otto Beit, Lord Nuffield, J. D. Rockefeller, Eamon de Valera, Emperor Hirohito and a long line of native statesmen unknown for their familiarity with the map of science, need not be too squeamish at this stage of its life.

Its mistake has been to dress up a conference speech on the white heat of the technological revolution or a chemistry degree followed by a spell in the education department as if they qualified a person for reception as a votary of science. Let such men and women be recognized for what they are: eminent, powerful, good to have on one's

Another and significant conse-uence is that defendants are being denied access to counsel of their choice and are having to accept counsel who are available to visit the prison during normal hours. Urgent action is required.

DAVID ROBERTS, President. Bristol Law Society, The Guildhall Broad Street, Bristol. February 17.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Keeping political balance in EEC

From Mr Geoffrey Harris Sir. Your report from Strasbourg (February 16) states that it was Lord Carrington who suggested that having a Labour member of the Furonean Commission was necess-

ary in order to overcome Labour hostility to the European Com-munity. This is surely somewhat misleading.

The fact is that all the countries with more than one commissioner have for some years respected the

necessity for political balance in these appointments, and since the functions of the Commission are highly and primarily political the choice of a businessman would be a political choice. To disguise such a choice on the

grounds that the person was not just a close associate of the Prime Minister but had a lot of managerial experience would be quite unconvincing.

There is, moreover, no evidence

that other countries plan to abandon the tradition of keeping political balance, which has enabled people like Claude Cheysson and Roy Jenkins to play a major political role, even when their parties were not in power.

For many years the role of the Commission has been weakened, and instead of acting as a motive force for effective decision-making the Commission has been evolved into a somewhat weak secretariat of the Council and has lost any

semblance of a clear political profile. Coupled with the obsessive and sometimes self-destructive use of the veto in the Council (e.g., Esprit - the European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technologies), this had led to an almost total paralysis in the Community's key institutions. The European Parliament has only been doing its duty in pointing this out, issuing warnings about the con-sequences and making proposals for

reform. The problem of appointing commissioners is not in fact Mrs Thatcher's real problem. The problem is what it has been for some time, the absence of any clear aims or strategy for the development of the Community and deep divisions within the Conservative Party on

the whole issue.

The possible break-up of the European Conservative Group and the remarkable three-way split in the historic vote on Parliament's proposal for a new treaty are only the visible signs of what is clearly a deep and intractable problem for the British Conservatives. Similar differences are apparent in the House of Commons in EEC debates.

To try now to sabotage the attempts of the Labour Party to develop a new and constructive policy towards the EEC by removing the Labour commissioner would therefore be an extraordinary case of abuse of power. It is hard also to see how it could be in the interests of Britain or the Community.

Yours faithfully, GEOFF HARRIS Socialist Group Secretariat. European Parliament, 97-1 3 rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. February 17.

#### Thoughts on lorries

From Brigadier N. H. L. Chesshyre Sir. The current unrest in France underlines the dangers for Britain of a Channel tunnel. Once a tunnel was in being cross-Channel ferry routes, including those to Belgium and Holland, would inevitably wither down to a fraction of their present

capacity.

The French government would then hold a trump card for use in the unhappy event of a serious quarrel with Britain and even a local strike at the French end of a tunnel would be equally damaging. Yours faithfully,

NEVILLE CHESSHYRE. Willifield Way, NW11. February 23.

#### Severn crossing

From Dr J. M. V. Rayner Sir. Mr A. T. MacMillan's comment (February 17) that by providing a second road crossing a Severn barrage would "kill two birds with one stone" is most distressingly apt.

Until it is clear that a tidal barrage represents no risk to the important populations of wading birds and waterfowl in the upper estuary of the Severn, and indeed to all the wildlife of the river, plans to construct such a barrage can only represent a major environmental threat.

The short-term benefits of energy production and relief for the Severn bridge cannot excuse the large-scale environmental destruction which could ensue. Yours faithfully

JEREMY RAYNER. University of Bristol. Department of Zoology. Woodland Road, February 17.

#### Saving suit of armour From the Master of the Armouries,

Tower of London Sir, In the report on the saving of the Earl of Southampton's armour in Saturday's Times (February 18) it was stated that I had said that the Tower would be making the owner an offer he can not refuse". This is in fact the opposite to what I said, because, as is well known, the owner

an offer by a museum in this country so long as the object is kept in Britain. Your truly. VESEY NORMAN, Master of the Armouries. HM Tower of London, EC3. February 23.

of any object the export of which has

been stopped is at liberty to refuse

#### Implications of training scheme cuts

From Lady Faithfull Sir. The Government's correct reductions in the part of the Youth Training Scheme known as mode B1 are both damaging and premature.
Under this scheme voluntary

organisations provide training workshops and training places in community projects. These seek to offer training and work experience to those lo-year-olds who have failed at school, who have few basic skills and experience attitudes of resentment and hostility to the adult world. They do not fit into employer-run mode A schemes and indeed employers are unable to

absorb these young people.

If these 16-year-olds are to succeed on the Youth Training Scheme they need more specialised help and more adult time than employer-based schemes can normaily provide. The recently an-nounced cuts will damage the capacity of the scheme to cater adequately for such school-leavers by reducing the number of places which can give them special support

and handling.
The Youth Training Scheme came into operation as recently as September. It is quite wrong at this early stage to impose such cuts rather than give sponsors the help and support they need in the task of establishing their schemes on a firm

House of Lords. February 22: From Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP for Knowsley North (Labour)

Yours faithfully,

LUCY FAITHFULL.

Sir, By the damaging cuts which it announced in community projects within the Youth Training

#### Countryside heritage

a duty to conserve and care for their

conflict of interests here. The cause is capital taxation. Few, if any, of the critics are aware of the subtle undertow dragging landowners down and with them the quality of land and landscape.

Take for example an oak wood.

Its life spans four or five generations of family ownership. At each successive owner's death capital transfer tax must be paid on the value of the land on which the trees siand at a rate related to the whole of the deceased's estate.

finally cut down, tax must be paid on the sale price at a rate related to the previous death. This multiplication of tax liabilities makes growing oak trees a more certain method of losing money than a lifetime of backing slow horses.

#### Equality at school

Sir. The SDP is ambivalent in its support to parents paying for independent schools and one reason may be, as Anne Sofer bluntiv remarks (feature, February 13) "6
per cent hardly a huge
constituency for any party".
Her view of state education is also

unambiguous: "So far from the middle classes having no stake in the state system they are, on the contrary, its supporters and chief beneficiaries."

Professor Thomas Sowell, the distinguished black American economist, recently identified those parents who are pulling their children out of bad state schools as being more who earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year than all who earn above \$25,000.

children from the wealthiest families are enrolled in state schools in the good residential areas. He would recognise the situation in Solihull where plans for a grammar school ran into opposition from the beneficiaries of a good state comprehensive - the middle classes,

as noted by Anne Sofer. as noted by Anne Soter.

How to give all classes equal opportunities in state schooling is the intractable problem posed by Anne Sofer. It has a name monopoly. All but 6 per cent of

#### Polish at Arnhem

From Mr Richard Lamb Sir. In my recently published book, Montgomery in Europe, I quoted a signal from Field Marshal Mont-

gomery to the then CIGS (Chief of the Imperial General Staff), Viscount Alanbrooke, about the conduct of the Polish Parachute Brigade during the Arnhem operation in September, 1944. This signal which had not previously been used in any history of the campaign, was highly derogatory to the Polish troops and I wrote that it was a "harsh judgment" and that Montgomery was seeking a "scape-goat" for the failure of the Arnhem

Would you be good enough to allow me to put the record straight in your correspondence columns? The signal, dated October 17, 1944,

reads:
Polish Para Bde fought very badly here and the men showed no keenness to fight if it meant risking their own lives. I do not want this Bde here again and possibly you may like to send them to join other Poles in Italy.

Colonel Antoni Rawicz-Szczerbo. the last commanding officer of 1st Polish Parachine Brigade, has written to me that this signal was "a" scathing condemnation of brave men who gave their lives in the common cause" and that many : RICHARD LAMB Polish paratroopers lie next to their Knighton Manor, British comrades in arms in the Broadchalke, cemetery at Oosterbeck while other Salisbury, Wilishire

Scheme the Government is seriously undermining its own declared crime-reduction policies.

Home Office ministers have repeatedly stressed the importance they attach to crime prevention, yet employment ministers are now simultaneously cutting schemes whose value in diverting young people from crime has been clearly

Not only is this a recipe for disaster in youth training, it is also the opposite of the co-ordinated approach to crime reduction which the Home Office declares it is so

anxious to promote.

The partiamentary all-party Penal Affairs Group's necent report. The Prevention of Crime Among Young People", reviewed evidence sugg reone teviewed evalent augesting that unemployment is a contituout factor to some of the criminal activity of young people. The group concluded that the importance of the Manpower special sp Services Commission's special employment programmes in providing opportunities for young people could not be overestimate could not be overestimated and recommended that "there should be a continuing expansion of oppor-unities on the Manpower Services. Commission's special employment

programmes" If, on the contrary, some YTS projects are closed and others asked to accept a reduction in their number of approved places, this will constitute a serious blow to all those working to help vulnerable young people lead satisfying lives and steet hem away from crime. Yours faithfully, ROBERT KILROY-SILK

(Chairman, Parliamentary Penal) Affairs Group) House of Commons. February 17.

Recent Labour governments first doubled the impact of capital

taxation on agricultural land and

then turned the screw on every

aspect of land ownership. We are

now reaping their whirlwind, not ust in despoliation of the country-

side but in the dispersal of treasures, the flight of capital, and the decay of

Faced with a nuthless tax based.

not on the value of the land as we

preparation for their own. In these

circumstances every acre has to yield up its tribute to the state.

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of agricultural land would exacer-

become available in burgeoning new industries as well as visible old ones.

Most countries face similar

problems but Britain and North

America have the greatest urgency to solve them. President Reagan is to

make a start by the introduction of a

modest tax credit Bill to Congress.

Yours truly, MARJORIE SELDON,

The Thatched Cottage, -

Near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Off the track

From Mr Hugh Lee

Godden Green,

Yours faithfully.

Crichel, Wimborn

February 17.

GEORGE MARTEN.

country houses, large and small.

From Lieutenant-Commander G. G.

Marten Sir. The renewed correspondence about conservation is strong in condemnation of landowners and farmers but weak on effective remedy. Landowners certainly have holdings, but they also have a duty to their families, employees and dependants to keep their individual

estates afloat. There is an intense but artificial

In addition, when the trees are

# children are locked into schools from which they cannot escape. At-least a third, probably, more, children leave their imsatisfactory schools ill-fitted for the jobs which are available and will increasingly

From Mrs Marjorie Seldon

Eighty-three per cent of all

# HUGH LEE. 83 The Vineyard. Richmond, Surrey.

brave Polish soldiers had their graves in the waters of the Rhine. where they perished in their efforts. to help the British.

The Colonel has also sent me a

Strictly, a "track record" related

to true racing tracks such as Brooklands and Indianapolis, not to

"road circuits". Yours truly, HUGH LEE

The Colonel has also sent me aletter written on langary [1] this year from General R. E. Urquhari, CB. DSO, who commanded list British Airborne. Division at Arnhem, confirming the bravery of the Polish paratroopers who crossed to the northern bank of the Rhine to help his division, and stang that without their help he could not have held the permitter for as long and that if permeter for as long and that if they had not fought so well "an organised withdrawal" of 1st Airborne from the north bank to the south bank of the Rhine "would not have been receible". have been possible.

I have examined most of the

archives relating to the Polish Parachite Brigade's performance in September, 1944, and I have not found a scrap of evidence to support Montgomery's view. Nor have any of the numerous British survivors to whom I have talked mentioned any

such thing.
In my opinion Field Marsha Mongomery's condemnation of the Poles' courage was an outrageous judgment made without evidence at a time when he was seeking excuses for the disastrons failure of his Arnhem operation. Yours truly.

Knighton Manor, Broadchalke

#### Fears from the hereafter

From Canon G. B. Bentley

Sir. Bishop Huddleston's letter (February 22) strikes me as alarming and not a little sinister. When the time comes for me to depart this hie. I want my body to be allowed to die. not to have bits of it kept alive in the innards of strangers whose guts i might hate, if I knew them. I do not want to run the risk of such bils being made accessory to actions of which I could not approve, perhaps

even to grave crimes.

I do not want my deathlied to be surrounded by a flock of surgicul vultures, each waiting impatiently to peck out the morsel he fancies. Nor do I want my body to be kept ticking. over after my death to facilitate its

cannibalization. Am I alone in this The sinister thing is the flishin's insistence that Big Brother should arrogate to himself authority to conscript our vital organs and confer on surgeons "the automatic right" to cannibalize anybody's body unless be has registered an objection in his lifetime. This is no invasion of human rights, he maintains, since an

objector can opt out. But conscription is a "deprivation of rights", despute allowance for coastientions objection and only tolerable in a national emergency Moreover: surgeons admit that they do not always become aware of the wishes of the dead person before the removal of drgans has taken place.

The Bishop supports his argument by a novel intermetation of the right to life. According to him it includes a right to other peoples' kidneys when needed, which in its turn imposes an obligation on the other people to make them available. That is tantamount to saying, "I give you a new commandment"!

I wonder how he would revise the committal at a burial? "We commit what remains of his body to the ground." Should there not also be a prayer that the bits of it still living may enjoy a long life and a happy

one? I do think that in this matter the Bishop's deeply compassionate heart has got the netter of his head and his seuse of distributive justice.

Yours ferthfully. G. B. BENTLEY. should like to see it, nor even on the olicge of St George. land as it is, but on its maximum. The Cloisters potential productive capacity, farmers and landowners often have indsor Castle. Berkshire. February 23. little alternative but to pursue ruthless methods. Whole hietunes

#### may be spent crippled by tax arising. No end of trouble

from their fathers' death and in From Lord O Neill of the Maine Sir. This week I was sad to see the reports of shortings and deaths at Dunloy, co Antrim - described in many reports as an extreme republican area.

damaging to countrymen and the countryside. Planning control would This little Catholic village holds happy memories for me. In my last election to February, 1969, I was engaged in a house-to-house canva-s in the area - unheard of previously for any person in my position - when I was told that a large gathering was awaiting me at the

village. I fiad with me a small loudspeaker van and, as they wanted me to address them, I fought my way through the crowds to this van. There surrounded by waving Union Jacks. I spoke to this cheering Catholic crowd. Nor can I forget that this demonstration was incredible because only the week before the Government had closed their only local industry, an abarroir.

Had extremists not succeeded in polarizing opinion, perhaps beyond repair, over 2,000 people who are now dead might be alive today and many more incurably wounded would today be hale and hearty.

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Those who believe that there is a foreseeable solution to these unoubles are either ignorant of the facts or merely "hoping for Yours sincerely.

TERENCE O'NEILL February 23

#### Neighbourhood watch

Sir. The term Sir David Hunt (February 11) deplores the modern use of comes from motor and motorcycle racing, not horseracing it used to mean the fastest time for a single circuit of the racing track a track, or often "lap", record ("Lap", too, is now misused). From the Rev D. S. R. Redman . -Sir. The letter from Mr Miles Hardie, (February 20) calling for a wider application of Neighbourhood Watch from crime to health and social welfare, deserves considerable

support and exploration.

The churches have already done much work at local levels in setting up community help schemes en-abing people to help themselves and to facilitate the better use of state; and voluntary agencies. One such scheme in a village in Kent has a successful 10 year record whilst in thy own commuter community a new scheme is enthusiastically being organized.

organized.

This enthusiasm is matched by a very "luke warm" response by the residents to the proposals from Neighbourhood Watch on its own. Neighbourhood Watch on its own.

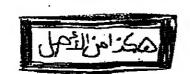
There is much good will and
untapped local expertise which can
be harnessed and used for the
benefit of the community and at the
same time providing a healthy
partnership between people and the
state, which sadly in our time have,
developed two identities. developed two identities.
Yours furthfully,
DOUGLAS REDMAN.

The Vicarage, 37 Kingswood Road

#### Farewell to arms

February 20.

From Mr D. W. Planaping Sir, I suppose finding a peaceful use for gain carriages (letter, February 22) is a bit like bearing swords into properties. ploughsbares Yours fatthfolly D. W. PLAMPING. 7 Grove Gardens Teddington Middlesez February 22





### **COURT** AND **SOCIAL**

#### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 24: His Excellency Monsieur Jean-Paul van Bellinghen was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of

Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Belgium.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Nestor Cockx (Minister Plenipotentiary), Captain Herman Stradiot (Military, Naval and Air Attaché) Monsieur Bernard Lauwart (Minister-Counsellor [Econwart (Minister-Counsellor Ictor-omic)). Monsieur Ian Grauls (Counsellor [Political]), Monsieur Claude Rijmenans (2nd Secretary [Economic]), Monsieur Pierre Vae-

[Economic]), Monsieur Pietre Vae-sen (2nd Secretary [Political]), Monsieur André Querton (Atlaché [Economic]) and Monsieur Lucien De Wulf (Atlaché [Consular]), Madame van Bellinghen had the honour of being received by The

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who

and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Monsieur Matungulu N'Kınman Tavun and Madame Matungulu were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as quishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Zaire to the

Court of St James's. Court of St James's.

Mr Justice Hutchison had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

The Cropp Prince of Saudi

The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia visited The Queen and remained to luncheon.

The Duke and Duchess of

Gloucester were present. The following had the honour of being invited: His Excellency Dr Ghazi Al Gosaibi (Minister of Health). His Excellency Mohammed Ibrahim Al Masoud (Minister of State), His Excellency Abdul Aziz Tuwaijiri (Deputy Commander of the National Guard), His Excellency the Saudi Arabian Ambassador, the Lord and

Lady Carrington. General Sir John and Lady Stanier. Admiral Sir James and Lady Eberle and Sir

James Craig.
The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Church Fenton in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (the Marquess of

Normanby). His Royal Highness drove to John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery Ltd and, escorted by the Chairman of John Smith's (Mr.J. W. Whitworth).

toured the Brewery.

The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently visited Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds and, having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Sir William Bulmer). His Royal Highness named the Mountbatten Non-invasive Heart Unit, opened the Unit's new extension, and was entertained

at luncheon.

This afternoon the Duke of Edinburgh toured the factory of Rose Forgrove Ltd (Chairman, Mr W. A. Brown).

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Councillor M. Dodgson).

The Duke of Edinburgh later visited Lucas Aerospace, Electrical Division, at Bedford and was received by the Lord Mayor of Bradford (Councillor N, Free).

His Royal Highness opened and toured the factory, escorted by the Chief Executive of Lucas Aerospace Ltd, (Mr G, Moore) and the Director and General Manager (Dr A. Watkins).

A. Watkins).
The Duke of Edinburgh this ree Duke of Edinburgh this cvening attended the Variety Club of Great Britain's "Woman of the Year" dinner at the Queen's Hotel. Leeds and was received by the Chief Barker of the Variety Club (Mr Norman Garrod) and the Chariman of the Leeds Committee (Mr Bobbie Capilia)

Major the Hon Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

By command of the Queen, the Lord Lucas of Chilworth (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of The President of Italian Republic and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

A memorial service for Hereward Wake will be held in the Chapel of St John's School, Leatherhead, on Saturday, March 24, at noon. There will be a buffet luncheon after the service, tickets for which may be obtained from the Recorder at the school.

#### Science report

#### Japan revises space plans to suit US

Tokyo (Asahi News Service) -The Japanese Government has agreed to revise its plans for the country's modest space programme. The new projects avoid any further conflict with and restricts collaboration the United States in the field with other countries.

The idea is to concentrate òn a launch vehicle and on satellite applications for Japan domestic television broadcasting, commercial communications, meteorology, ocean and land resources explo-

ration, and astronomy. Japan will seek involvement with the United States in the American space station programme for the wider use and exploration of space. The revised programme consists of

ain targets: • The development of launch vehicle H-II, which will be capable of placing a two-ton satellite into geostationary orbit by 1991.

• The launch of about fifty satellites in the next 15 years on vehicles leased from other countries and on Japan's own small rockets.

cooperation was signed between the US and Japan in 1969, but it retains decisionmaking in the hands of the US

Development of the H-II launch vehicle would enable Japan to launch communications satellites for Southeast Asian countries. That would place Japan in compewith the US space shuttle and the European

Space Agency's Ariane rocket. The plan for the H-II vehicle is an extension of the H-I rocket being developed to place a 550kg satellite in orbit

The present workhorse of the Japanese space effort is the N-II rocket, capable of launching a communications satellite of 350kg.

Last month a broadcastin spacecraft named YURI-2A was carried aloft by a N-II. Although about two-thirds of the components were made in Japan, control of the main Collaboration in the space systems was kept by US

engineers.

# Sweet illusion of the good old faith

The late John Robinson was a fine theologian and a man of remarkable integrity. He knew that the circumstances of the present age demand a wholesale eassessment of the Christian

If there ever was a time when the good old belief in an infallible Bible or in a set of unchangeable dogmas untouched by time held good, it is certainly not now.

In fact, it could be shown that the picture of everybody understanding the Bible simply and literally and believing in a system of cut-and-dried doctrine unaltered since the beginning is a sweet illusion. Ilke the sweet illusion of an eternally relevant Authorized Version or Book of Common

Praver. Religion, like everything else under the moon, continually changes, continually requires to be adjusted reexamined reformed, interpreted anew as it is changing course untrimmed".

**Forthcoming** 

Mr R. J. Bass and Miss K. L. Tomlinson

and Miss k. L. Tominson
The engagement is announced
between Robin son of Mr. and Mrs
J. Bass, of King's Langley,
Hertfordshire, and Kathryn, eldest
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.
Tomlinson of Derby, Derbyshire.

and Dr J. NI. Brown
The engagement is announced
between Peter James, elder son of
the late Mr J. I. Diggle and of Mrs
M. Diggle, of Bury, and Judith
Margaret, daughter of the late Rev
W. G. Brown and of Mrs J. M.
Brown, of Putney.

The engagement is announ

between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. G. Ives, of Mulberry

Cottage, Barrow Lane, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Deborah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gibson, of Aldburgh Hall, Masham, Ripon. North Yorkshire.

and Miss D. R. Brook
The engagement is announced
between David, youngest son of the
late Major J. A. Metson and Mrs
Metson. of Brook End, 'Little
Dunmow, Essex, and Diana,
youngest daughter of the late Mr H.
W. Brook, of Rotherham, South
Vestbeling and Mrs Brook

Yorkshire, and Mrs A. M. Brook now living in Poole, Dorset.

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Mr E. P. W. Slater
and Miss A. S. Farn
The engagement is announced
between Paul, elder son of Mrs D. E.
Slater, of Lichfield, Staffordshire,
and Allison, daughter of Mr and
Mrs R. R. Farn, of Auckland, New
Zeeland

and MISS S. E. Brooks
The engagement is announced
between Hugh Williams Ryan,
eldest son of Captain John S.
Stewart, RM (Retd) and Mrs

Stewart, of The Mill House. Olney, Buckinghamshire, and Suzanne

Elizabeth elder daugner of Mr C. R. Brooks, of Tywardreath, Corn-wall, and Mrs R. J. Brooks, of Througham Slad Manor, Bisley, Gloucestershire.

and Miss M. A. Hart
The engagement is announced
between Richard, only son of Mr
and Mrs J. M. Weedon, of Tetbury,

Gloucestrshire, and Hongkong, and Mary-Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. W. Hart, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Bombay.

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P. J. Willett, of Ashburton, Devon and Rona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. McConnell, of Bearsden.

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Colonel and Mrs J. B. Wilson, of Teston. Kent. and Margot Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr Harry

Senior, of Bournemouth, and Mrs

Esta Senior, of Wimbledon.

Captain R. L. Willett, RE,

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Mr D. G. M. Wilson

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Mr H. W. R. Stewart

Mr R. G. Weedon

and Miss S. E. Brooks

religion never stands still.

biblical criticism (no new phenomenon, for it has been with us now for well over a century), and the revolutions of thought brought about by the Renaissance, the Enlightenment made a new estimate of the new perspective, with an altered

but also in most of his other WOLKS. The other point which John

Robinson understood very well was that the need for the reexamination of Christianity does not necessarily entail an abandonment of the great truths enshrined in the Christian by chance and nature's tradition nor of the essential and central place of the Bible in

Earl of Stockton,

of Ovenden

Birthdays

Viscount Macmillan

The Viscountry and Earldom of the United Kingdom conferred upon Mr Harold Macmillan. OM, have been gazetted by the names, styles and titles of Viscount Macmillan.

Ovenden, of Chelwood Gate, in the County of East Sussex, and of Stockton-on-Tees, in the County of

DITINUAYS

TODAY: Mr John Arlott, 70; Mr
Anthony Burgess, 67; Mr Tom
Courtenay, 47; Sir Anthony Duff,
64; Mr Nicholas Edwards, MP, 50;
Mr George Harrison, 41; Sir Alan
Marre, 70; Lord Justice Parker, 61;
the Right Rev Dr J. A. Ramsbotham, 78; Sir Henry T. Smith, 79; Sir
Ian Wallace, 68; Air Marshal Sir
Keith Williamson, 56.
TOMORROW: Lord Bridge of
Hawick, 67; Mr Justice Farquharson, 56; Sir James Goldsmith, 51;
Dr B. J. Greenhill, 64; Major Sir
Derrick Gunston, 93; Captain John

Derrick Gunston, 93; Captain John Noel, 94; Mr W. R. Price, 58; Mr E.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Sir Julian Bullard, aged 55, Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Europe)

and Deputy to the Permanent Under-Secretary and Political Director, to be Ambassador to West

Germany in succession to Sir John Taylor, who will be retiring from the

Diplomatic Service.
The Rev Michael Rees, aged 48, Vicar of Holy Trinity. Cambridge. to be the Church Army's chief

secretary in succession to the Rev

Michael Turnbull. Mr Mark Francis, aged 31, former

exhibitions organizer at the White-chapel Art Gallery, to be director of the Fruitmarket Gallery. Edinburgh,

Miss Margaret Matheson, control-ler of drama for Central Television, to be a member of the board of

overnors of the British Film

Mr Alan Marmion, aged 36, BBC consultant on direct broadcasting by satelite, to be head of general administration at the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Services tomorrow:

ST PALL'S CATHEDRAL MC. 8: M. 10,30, July Service in Gamul Byrdt, TD. Serling in five parts 1Tallish, Right Rev k Woolkomber MC. 11,30, Daries in F. int. O come. evifycool find fluintedt Mendelment E. 3,13, Man and Nurse dimitrix. Instand in F. A. O wher't girdt Windows Francis Committee and M. 10, 30, fretand in F. A. O wher't girdt Windows Francis Committee and M. 10, 30, fretand in F. A. We fine short Meant of March 11, 40, 30, fretand in F. A. We fine short Meants instantial Service State (11, 40, 30), fretand in F. A. We fine short Meants instantial Service State (11, 40, 30), fretand in F. A. We fine short Meants instantial Service State (11, 40, 30), fretand in F. A. We fine short Meants instantial Service State (11, 40, 30), fretand in F. A. Martin, Cathedral Eucharist, 11, Derbe in E. Almighto and evertaining God Cinbone). Bestill my soul "whitecle, New Ted. Martin, Cathedral Evensong 3, fretand in F. Evensing Hymni Baktour Gardiner). Latter the proposed state of a preparation of the first thing from the first thing for the first thing from the first thin

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Incarnation, or the Atonement. The entirely new perspectives He wanted us to rethink them, forced upon any thinking and here he was entirely Christian by the arrival of justified but he did not wish to justified, but he did not wish to

jettison them.

Perhaps the best memorial which any individual can creet to Bishop Robinson is to resolve to take up the task of understanding the Christian and the rise of science have faith and of interpreting it in a Christian faith an imperative emphasis, to the society in necessity. John Robinson understood for instance, that the old that well, and with that task he doctrine of original sin cannot continually wrestled, most be perpetuated once we have notably in his Honest to God, ceased to believe that the first ceased to believe that the first three chapters of Genesis give us an historically reliable account of the origin of

mankind. Many would regard it as our plain duty (though here John Robinson was an interesting exception) to frame our belief in the Incarnation so as to take account of the fact that St John's Gospel in the greater part of its record of what Jesus In periods of slow change, this Christian thought and doctrine. part of its record of what Jesus necessity is felt more gradually; He was not a radical theologism said is not giving us his actual in periods of rapid change, like in the sense of wishing to words or teaching, but is

Help for victims' relatives: Chief Superintendent P. J. Ryan, of Chelsea Police Station

(left), receiving a cheque for £1,000 from Chief Petty Officer Frank Walker on board

HMS Bristol at Portsmouth yesterday. The money was raised among the crew and ashore for relatives of the Harrods bombing victims, who included WPC Jane Arbuthnot.

Her father, Mr Jake Arbuthnot (right), is a retired lieutenant-commander.

Mrs L Leifland Prince Bertil and Princess Lilian of

Sweden were guests of honour at a dinner given yesterday by the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Leif

Scott, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Lord and Lady Greenhill of

Harrow, Professor Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, and Lady Huxley and Mr and Mrs Staffan Gadd.

The annual dinner of the Old Pauline Club, during the commem-

oration of the 475th anniversary of the foundation of St Paul's School, was held at Mercers' Hall last night.

was held at Mercers' Hall last night. The toast of the school was proposed by the president of the club, Mr Guy Thomas, to which the High Master, Mr J. Warwick Hele, replied. Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, vice-president of the Club, and Mr Alderman Michael Graham, Master of the Mercers' Company and chairman of the school governors, also spoke.

las Scott, MP, and the Hi

Old Pauline Club

**Dinners** 

ours, the necessity is more abandon the doctrines for interpreting his significance by obvious and pressing. But instance, of the Trinity, of the means of discourses written in

It is almost an axiom today that belief in the existence of God does not arise by irresistible logic either from a philosophical or a scientific investigation of the world, but must be achieved in a more complex and perhaps more profound manner.

Where that leaves us as far as certainty in belief is concerned and what the ordinary clergy can do about that situation are matters which perhaps can be considered later. Enough for the moment to say that Bishop John Rodinson, if he has done nothing else has left us a noble example of the kind of activity in which thoughtful Christians today ought to engage. It is the task of determining what is worth believing and what is not, and why we believe in the faith which we hold.

> Richard Hanson Professor of theology. Manchester University

#### **OBITUARY**

#### THE REV DR SHERWIN BAILEY

#### Sexuality and Christian teaching

who died on February 9 at the age of 73, was a former Chancellor and Precentor of Wells Cathedral, and had written a number of works on sexuality and marriage which had an influence on thinking in the Church of England in the

Derrick Sherwin Bailey was born on June 30, 1910, and educated at Alcester Grammer School, in Warwickshire. After some years in insurance he was ordained a priest in 1943, and spent nine years as Anglican chaplain at Edinburgh Univer-sity. From 1951 to 1959 he worked for the Church of England Moral Welfare Coun-

During that time he pub-lished a series of books on the

The Rev Dr Sherwin Bailey. sexual aspects of moral theology. beginning with The Mystery of Love and Marriage in 1952. In 1955 he published Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition, a monograph in which he argued against many commonly held theories about the proper Christian attitude to the subject.

In general Bailey argued for the view that sexuality should be seen as something positively. good; and in his writing on homosexuality he foreshadowed subsequent change in attitude to it and in the law.

In 1962 he became a Canon Residentiary of Wells Ca-thedral, He remained there until 1974, serving as Chancellor and. Precentor, and the literary activity of his later years centred on the history of the Chapter and its records,

transferred to the Indian Cav-alry and joined Hodson's Horse

(4th Duke of Cambridge's Own

Lancers). During the war he saw

active service in the Middle

East and Italy where he was appointed OBE and was Men-

tioned in Despatches.

After Indian Independence

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#### COLONEL W. J. SHOOLBRED cmy at Woolwich and was commissioned in to the Royal Artillery in 1925. In 1931 he

A correspondent writes: Walter Shoolbred, who died on February 23, at the age of 78, will long be remembered with admiration and affection by many disabled war pensioners from the three services throughout the country to whose welfare and comfort he had devoted the last 20 years of his

In 1963 he became director of the "Not Forgotten" Associa-tion which was founded in 1920 "in the service of wounded and disabled ex-servicemen and

His dedication, energy, and attention to detail and his singlemindedness of purpose had a marked effect in increas-ing the resources available to provide for the disabled. But much of his strength lay in his determination to spend as much time as possible visiting hospi-tals, meeting the disabled, listening to their problems and travelling with them on ex-peditions and occasions orga-nized by the Association.

After his retirement in 1981 he was appointed vice-president and continued to take an active part in the numerous occasions organized by the Association.

He was educated at Harrrow

and the Royal Military Acaddaughter.

Artillery with whom he served until he retired in 1958 after commanding the Army Apprestice College at Chepstow. He then became Editor of the British Army Review a post he held until he joined the "Not Forgotten" Asociation. He was, for 25 year, Honorary Secretary of the Indian

Cavalry officers Association devoted to keeping together those who had served together in pre-partition India. But be also maintained very close touch with his old regiment and with the new armies of India and Pakistan and played a significant part in building andmaintaining the relationship with this country which exists In 1935 he married Millicent

Rosling who died in 1981 and is survived by one son and one

then joined the Victoria and

Albert Museum as an assistant

During his time there he was

also a governor of the National Museum of Wales 1960-75, a member of the Council of the

Museums Association 1960-63.

and a member of the Crafts

Advisory Council 1971-1975. From 1974 to 1975 he was chairman of the committee for

museums of applied art of the

International Council of Mu-

Hugh Wakefield had a warm

and outgoing personality. Al-ways approachable, he gener-

ously shared his knowledge and

expertise with others. After his

retirement in 1975 he served as

executive committee member

and judge for the National

Heritage Museum of the Year

Hilary and a son and a

He is survived by his wife

#### MR HUGH WAKEFIELD

Keeper.

Award.

Mr Hugh Wakefield, who died suddenly at his home at Frigiliana. in southern Spain, on February 8 at the age of 67. was Keeper of the Circulation Department at the Victoria and Albert Museum from 1960 to 1975, and an authority on ceramics and glass of the Victorian period.

His two book Century British Glass (1961 and 1982) and Victorian Pottery (1962), became standard works. He also edited the Victorian Collector series and contributed to a number of other publications, including World Cerantics (1968).

After education at King Edward's School Birmingham. and Trinity College. Cambridge. he joined the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments in 1938 and, apart from war service from 1942 to 1946. remained there until 1948. He daughter.

1939.

RAF Hereford
Group Captain T. B. Sherrington
and officers of RAF Hereford were
hosts yesterday at a parade,
reception and guest night to mark
the end of catering training at RAF
Hereford

#### Memorial service

governors, also spoke.

A memorial service for Mr Ronald Lewin was held at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, yesterday, The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Russell. Major Robin Lewin (son) read the lesson and Lieutenant General Sir lan Jacob read from Pilgrim's Progress. The Rev Dr James Bentley gave an address. Among those present were:

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19:10. For John Learning Property: PAC BY ALBAN'S, Memberri SM, 9:30, Her 11. Collegium reasts optowells), Ave verum and TD (Chart, Fr Cashell: LM 5-30. ST WALTY ABBOTS, Kreathylour HC 8 mpt 12:30. Suns Experime 9:30 New M. J Thompson: M. 11:48. Rev D Bott L. 6-30.

McCooch, Laty Jacob. Sir Raymond and Lady Potter, Laty Lady Lisdell Hart, Sir Sturrat and Lady Potter, Lady Lisdell Hart, Sir Sturrat and Lady Ritchard O'Conner. Mrs. Enoch Fowel, Mr Philip Howard Uperary Editor. The Times, Brigadler H B C walking Christian Army Review, Rear-Admiral E F Goerfitz, Mr Bichard Usborne. Mr Leonard Miss. Uretname Colonel J K MacFarlan. Praintenant Colonel Lady MacFarlan. Praintenant Colonel Colonel Colonel Mr MacFarlan. Praintenant Colonel Bedeff, Canop R G Lunt. Colonel J D Walton. Dr Alan Borg. Mr and Mrs. Grieff Barrett.

Miss. Jil Barton. Mr and Mrs Walter Bed. Dr and Mrs Noble Frankland. Miss. Judy Butchinson, the Rev. Neil Handley. Lestenant-Colonel B Mompornery. Dr and Mr Alec Chitton-Taylor. Mr and Mrs. A Drive Mr Devid Mr Avoctotoph Mr and Mrs Edward Thornas. Mr Andrew Bed. (Curtis Brown), Brigadler Shellord Bedwall. Mr and Mrs Devid Mitr. Ar Composition and Mrs Edward Thornas. Mr Andrew Bed. (Curtis Brown), Brigadler Shellord Bedwall. Mr and Mrs Devid Mitr. Air Compodere and Mrs Edward Thornas. Mr Andrew Bed. (Curtis Brown), Brigadler Shellord Bedwall. Mr and Mrs Devid Mitr. Air Compodere and Mrs Edward Thornas. Mr Andrew Bed. (Curtis Brown), Brigadler Shellord Bedwall. Mr and Mrs Edward Thornas.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, HC. B.18; M. 11. Rev A G C Patryon; HC 6.30, Rev J A Military. ST PAUL'S. Wilson Place. Knightsbridge: HC 8 and 9: Solumn Eucharial, I i. Rev R G. HC 8 and 9: Solumn Eucharist. 11. Seev H G Russell.

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#### MR RONALD MOODY

A correspondent writes: Ronald Moody, the Jamaica-born sculptor who lived and worked in London for nearly 40 years, died on February 6 at the age of 74. His outstanding works are

probably the massive, dignified but peculiarly sensitive human figures he carved from hard woods like oak teak and rosewood. They are neither typically African, in a narrow 'ethnic" sense, nor typically Western. They evoke the kind of classical calm found in the history of many cultures - in Africa, for example, in Egyptian wood sculpture or the Nigerian Ife terra-cotta heads, both of which influenced Moody's work.

Ronald Moody was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1910. Breaking the mould of a conservative conservative middle-class family, he left Jamaica to become an artist in the early 1930s, never to return.

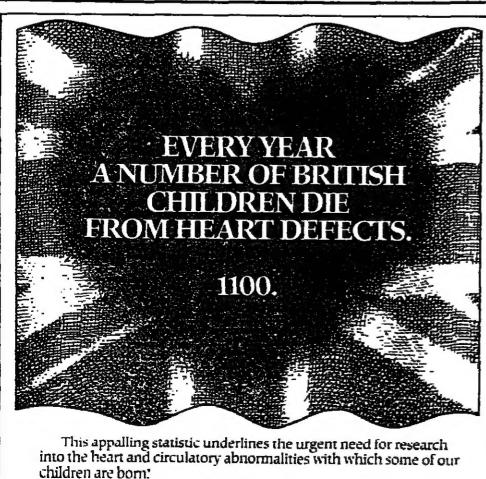
Lady Neden, widow of Sir Wilfred Neden, CB, CBE, formerly Chief Industrial died on January 25 at the age of 84. She was Louie Violet Ryan, and she married Sir Wilfred Noden as his second wife in 1967. He died in 1978

He worked and exhibited in Paris until the War and the Occupation forced him to make the perilous journey to Britain. He settled in London. Aside from his personal work, he carried out a good many portrait commissions. Though representatives of

African and Caribbean museums visited his Chelsea studio to acquire his work and he was awarded Jamaica's highest cultural honour, the Musgrave Gold Medal, in 1978. to the British art world he remained very little known.

In 1976 he headed the UK Visual Arts Committee of the Festival of Black and African Arts and Culture (FESTAC) held in Lagos. Nigeria. His sculpture was last seen in London at a special exhibit to mark 21 years of Jamaican independence held at the Commonwealth Institute last September,

Mr James Hornby, who died on February 21 at the age of 52 was headmaster of Bramcott Commissioner, Ministry of School, Scarborough, 1957-6-Labour and National Service, and of Clifton College prepar tory school Bristol, 1967-82 He was elected chairman of the Incorporated Association Preparatory Schools in 1966



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The high rollers

The gambling industry by Alan Hamilton

en o'clock on a wild. board and orange peel swirl round the Mercedes wheels that line both sides of the street, and a Chinese lady decanted from a maroon Daimler limousine clutches wildly at her billowing skirt. Bleak, Presbyterian

that you would not dream of gatecrashing rafts of blue aromatic smoke from broomstick-thick Romeo y Julietas hang in the still, warm air under chandeliers and mahogany panelling redolent of a between-the-wars Cunard stateroom, spiced with a dash of Turkish brothel from the redshaded lamps over the gaming

balls. Fifty-pound notes vanish monotonously down the croupiers' slots without so much as a rustle of protest; they are usually crisp new ones, peeled from a pack.

I am granted the rare facility of a visit, on condition that I do not mention to which casino, ful of crossing both the Gaming Board, and its strict ban on advertising, and their cus-tomers, who do not appreciate the womb of privacy offered by breached by professional nosey-

face. Arabs predominate, apoing local customs in their Englishcut suits and their thoroughly English impassivity at the ebb and flow of oil fortunes across the tables, as though being relieved of surplus money was a necessary purgative to be endured by every devout Muslim. Next in number appear to be the Hongkong Chinese, to whom gambling is an endemic and incurable disease and who, feeling no shame at their infection, allow themselves a modest degree of animation at the tables.

Here too are fair numbers of ling of Nigerians, and just one of Debrett. young blond Englishman in solitary state at the punto banco table, wishing forlornly that somebody would come and play with him. "If we had to rely on Englishmen", the manager confides, "we'd close tomorrow".

Recession is not a word which obtrudes too often upon the vocabulary of those who play the London casinos regularly. When the cold winds whistle, those with the best perches don't get blown off the tree. Strange, though, that the birds on the best branches seem to be mostly foreign species, even if most of them do give a London address when applying for casino membership.
In the heady 1960s, when

before the onset of terminal rot. the gay blades of the gaming tables were the likes of John Aspinall, Lord Lucan, Dominic Goldsmith.

Part 1: The casinos

wet February night, and the gale is snatching up the dustbins to spew their garbage over the pave-ments of Mayfair. Old card-

Inside the casino, beyond the polite but vaguely menacing phalanx of uniformed doormen

The low buzz of conversation from a hundred sober-suited punters is punctuated neither by squeals of delight nor wails of dismay but only by the relentless clack of plastic chips and the bouncing rattle of roulette

and that I keep mum about anyone I happen to recognize therein. Managements are fear-London's gaming clubs being parkers, particularly those of the Dempster genre.

Honouring the bargain presents no problem; I do not recognize a soul, and I have to, search for some minutes to find even a recognizably English

matter, for a while. Even Aspinall's club, which probably attracts more English than any of the other uppercrust London casinos, regards native business as an insignificant fraction of its turnover. The proprietor can only guess at the reasons: today's upper-class English are not brought up in the atmosphere of carefree opulence that their fathers were, gaming is no longer fashionable. foreigners, their wealth is in assets rather than the greasy folding stuff, or most likely. they just don't have as much of it as they used to do.

dead, Aspinall and Goldsmith

are casino proprietors and therefore legally discouraged

from being puniers, and Lucky

Lucan has not been seen at the

tables, or anywhere else for that

If you discover a genuine home-grown high-roller in the London clubs these days, he is more likely to be a camel-coated car dealer from Dagenham than Greeks and Indians, a sprink-, any ducal scion from the pages

> ut before you dash off to knit blankets for the starving children of the casino proprietors, consider this: in the year ended August 1983 the total "drop" (the money exchanged for gaming chips, and therefore a very fair guide to total income) in the 19 London casinos was £894m, more than twice the total amount gambled in the 98 British provincial casinos put

It was, admittedly, an exceptional year, accounted for by a sudden explosion of business in the late summer of 1982. That apart, London gaming has declined in real terms by about London was having a final fling 7 per cent since 1978, and the annual figures to be released by the Gaming Board next month will show the trend continuing. Peak attendances on any one night at the London tables are

down from 1,849 in November 1978 to 1,170 in September Where are they now? Elwes is:

> Business is at the mercy, not of the British economy, but the become vicissitudes of Middle East cake. politics. The Arabs first came to abandon their traditional gaming centre of Beirut, England was a safe and stable haven for their petrodollars, and they enjoyed the intimate club atmosphere where they could take their vast retinues in reasonable privacy.

They were rich beyond all imagining: the Saudi royal family. Adnan Khashoggi, and the legendary Arab, who in six years cashed £18m worth of cheques at the old Playboy Club, of which only £2m

Many of them drifted away again, for various reasons. The cleansing fire of the Ayatollah's revolution cut off gigantic Iranian gambling funds at a stroke, and sent chilling ripples of righteousness throughout the Arab world. The brouhaha over the film Death of a Princess persuaded many Saudis to abandon London in protest; nor were many of them amused at being pictured in the Daily Mail enjoying the wicked high life while back home their subjects were having their hands cut off

Last year a severe tremor on the Kuwaiti stock exchange sent the gamblers from that particushaikhdom scuttling home to find their assets frozen. And then there was the nasty business which is still referred to in some quarters of the London casino business as "the

for fornication and usury.

holocaust". The 1968 Gaming Act has succeeded admirably in its primary purpose of keeping the ondon casinos out of the hands of organized crime, into which they were on the verge of falling in the mid 1960s. But even the legitimate proprietors began to find its web of legal strictures uncomfortably tight in their eagerness to grab a slice of what by the late 1970s had become an inordinately rich

Casinos were bribing police computer for the names of the owners of the cars parked regularly outside rival establishments, so that they could offer inducements to cross the street. The 48-hour rule, which keeps you from the tables until you ave been a club member for at least two days, was being regularly breached. And worst of all some casinos were accepting cheques but not cashing them, and collecting the gambling debts by strongarm

It all created a highly unpleasant stink; seven casino licences were withdrawn, and three of the major operators -Playboy, Ladbrokes and the Coral group - decided to get out of the London casino business altogether. The bad publicity temporarily scared away some rich foreigners, although the figures suggest they have gradu-

methods later.

ally made their way back. The big money returned in spectacular fashion one evening just over a year ago, when four Arabs walked into the recently reopened Clerraont Club and walked out again several hours later richer to the tune of £4m.

Such magic moments, the casino men insist, are extremely rare. And it is an immutable feature of gaming that the wins are more speciacular than the losses, at least to the speciator. Stake £200, the maximum allowed on a single number at roulette in London, and the most you lose is £200. But if you win you pick up £7,000, a stack of chips as big as a bucket, which as Runyon would say is a whole lot of potatoes. Stake £5,000, the maximum allowed on an evens chance, and you only double it.

Back in our necessarily anonymous casino, the manager is greeting one punter after another as old friends. Customers tend to be regular, and are known not only by their names but by their credit rating.

The action is overwhelmingly at the roulette tables, confusingly referred to as American roulette when it is in fact the European variety with a single zero, but at which the croupiers "Place your bets" rather "Faites vos jeux". The than average stake seems to be about £50, well below the permitted maximum. Nearby, three bored croupiers sit awaiting custom at the single French roulette table, the same game but played with a little more élan.

The only other game attracting much attention is blackjack, which the serious punter believes is the only casino activity where the player has the remotest hope of ever having the odds in his favour, although it still requires a prodigious amount of luck, and a photographic memory for the cards.

American roulette accounts for over 60 per cent of the drop in the London casinos, with punto banco second at 20 per cent, and blackjack at 17 per cent. French roulette and craps, never as popular in Europe as in America, where they like to accompany their gaming with a lot of shouting, are insignifi-cant, as is soft gaming in the form of poker, baccarat, or kalooki, a variation of gin

rummy. Soft gaming, where the casino hires out a seat at a table rather than taking a cut of the pot, was originally introduced as an attraction for women punters, but its lack of profit has largely squeezed it out, although not

Gambling is defined as playing a game of chance or skill where the odds are against

favour, it is called investment, Investment is the game the casinos play. They do not make their profits from customers' spectacular losses: they make it from the steady flow of money across the roulette table, where the single zero gives the house a built-in edge of 2.7 per cent. Considering that in the ebb and flow of win and loss, every chip purchased is wagered on average eight times before the customer cashes in and leaves, the flow of money is, to say the least, steady. Anyone who plays double-zero roulette, where the house's advantage is 5.4 per

It's a winning game when the odds are on your side. In 1982 the Ritz and Casanova casinos, which are run jointly by Grand Metropolitan and Pleasureama. together recorded a pre-tax profit of £15m.

cent, is a mug.

The casinos do not like big losers; they are bad for business. And they are, our anonymous manager insists, rare, "We know most of the people in here", he says, "and they know how much they can lose. They are mature people. It is extremely rare that we have to approach a client as though he were a drunk at a bar and politely suggest to him that he has lost enough for one night."

England treats gambling rather like prostitution, recog-nizing its existence and allowing a necessary outlet for deep and dark desires, but ensuring that nothing whatsoever is done to encourage it. The French regard gambling as healthy fun as long as it is kept in its proper place, which is why all the casinos are at the seaside and not in Paris. The Americans see it as a splendid way of raising state revenue, which is why almost anything goes in Las Vegas and the burgeoning new gaming centre of Atlantic City.

English law is so strict that it almost drives casino gaming into the category of a secret the Home Office, has become markedly stricter in such matters since the holocaust.

A gambler, faced with a choice, will tend to patronize the casino where he last struck lucky. But beyond that, almost the only way one casino can .
take business from the others is to acquire bigger and better. doyen of the London industry, is reopening the old Curzon Club on March 31, which will give him 11 roulette tables instead of his present six, and even plusher surroundings. But he was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the was granted a ligence as the present six of the present he was granted a licence only on condition that he closed his present club in Hans Place.

Similarly, Trident Television is relinquishing its licence on the Connoisseur Club so that it can move nearer the top end of the market in new premises at the Royal Garden Hotel: this will give it six tables instead of

Lonrho, as unlikely a casino operator as Trident, is relinquishing its licence on the International Sporting Club, where the lease has expired, to restart the former Playboy Clubin Park Lane, but without Bunny girls. The Gaming Board does not like Bunnies, or dancing, or cabaret, or live

Despite every effort of English law to ensure that the gambler does not enjoy himself any more than is strictly necessary, London has quietly reestablished itself among the international sporting community. It attracts those who can afford to ignore the incontrovertible fact that, on average, for every £100 of chips you cash, you will have donated £20 to the casino by the time you leave, and who choose to ignore Girolamo Cardano's sixteenth-century dictum: "The greatest advantage in gambling

lies in not playing at all.",
That's the trouble with the modern English punter: he is playing so little that two provincial casinos, which do not enjoy the benefits of oil revenues, are currently in the hands of the receiver.

A casino going hust." My God.

the recession must be every bit as bad as they say.

The owners of London's 19 they run, are:

Grand Metropolitan: Golden Nugget, Sportsman, Palm Beach, Trident Television: Victoria Clermont, Connoisseur (moving to Royal Garden Hotel), Village, Lonrho: Crockford's, International Sporting (moving to former Playboy

lub). loasureama: Maxim's, Distinctive Clubs: Charlie Chester's, Golden Horseshoe, John Aspinall: Aspinalls (moving to former Curzon Club with a public company flotation). Reo Stakis Organization of

Glasgow: Stakis Regency. Independents: Cromwell's Mint London Park Tower. Allen of Abbeydale, a former permanent under-secretary at cent): Ritz, Casanova.

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Laying the tables: Casino staff preparing for nightly business in Monte Carlo

#### Rich pickings for the Chancellor The return of the payable by the casino operators. fee (£300) every six months



high-rollers to is proving very popular with the bancellor of the

Exchequer. His from gaming duty on casino operations has shot up more than fivefold in the last four years. The duty should raise more than £30m in the current year.

This still represents only a modest 5 per cent of the £600m a year which the Customs and Excise collects from the British gaming and betting public. But, as even casino owners will privately admit, it is a much nore realistic and equitable sum than was the case entil four years ago, when the whole overhauled.

in October 1980; before then, pickings. the only tax on casino gambling consisted of an annual levy casino operator pays a modest

This was based on a fixed-rate ondon's casinos formula linked to the ratable value of the premises and the number of tables in play. The chief defect of this

system, as the Royal Commission on Gambling observed in 1978, was that the amount raised bore little or no relation either to the amount of money being staked or to the casino's profitability. The yield was small, and quite out of proportion to the much higher taxes paid by racegoers and other gaming industries. It was also

easily dodged. Whereas the tax on off-course betting raised 7.5 per cent of the money staked by punters, the sion found the casino levy represented only a miserly system of casino taxation was 0.13 per cent of bets placed. It rerhauled.

The reforms came into effect for any Chancellor seeking easy

Under the new rules, the

when his licence is renewed. But he also pays a levy on the gross gaming yield in his casino - that is, the amout of money staked less the winnings that have been The basic rate is 5 per cent,

but this rises to 25 per cent for any casino whose gross yield is more than £2.25m in the sixmonth period. This is designed to ensure that the most profitable London clubs pay the most tax. Aspinalls, for example, paid £3.1m in levy last year. more than a tenth of the total raised by the Chancellor.

The Government's take from casino tax jumped from £5.3m in 1980/81 to £11.5m in 1981/2, and soared to £25.4m in 1982/3. This year's Treasury estimate was for £25m, but it will be comfortably exceeded in the light of the continuing strength

Jonathan Davis

David Hewson turns western eyes on the obscure yet enduring rituals of Tibetan Buddhism

# Perplexed by prayer wheels and poverty

and the only air entry into another a bundle of rags. Tibet. The route was geographi-Miami via Alaska, but politics bar the foreigner from making a logical entrance through Nepal.

forbidding peaks, we arrived in the land which had fought for 500 years to keep the foreigner at bay. From our base, a few ramshackle huts rather hopefully christened Lhasa Guest-house Number 2, the Potala Palace rose some six kilometres tantalizingly aloof as the country over which its royal occupants once ruled. After a littul sleep I rose early to watch the hoopoes gambolling around our lodgings and then ventured

out into the past.
It is virtually impossible to see the country through Tibetan cyes. The Chinese, who "liber-ated" the region in 1951, act as the visitor's hosts. While they are perfectly willing to show foreigners most things they wish to see, the sense of altenation never diminishes. In a way, this increases one's appreciation of Tibet's exoticism, never allowing the indulgence of concentration on the surroundings alone, but forever forcing

twentieth-century outsider.
Outside the Jokhang temple in the heart of Lhasa, Tibetan Buddhism's St Peter's, the dusttheir devotions. Some had walked more than 1.000 miles. on the hard road from China, to pay their respects.

A cripple scrambled through the squalid bazaar outside the in a corner shaded from the temple, leaning on a makeshift pristine brightness of the sun. good leg beneath him. Soon he without thought, religion pen-joined his fellow worshippers, etrated virtually every aspect of some well scrubbed and clearly affluent, some poor and ragged, some virtually destitute. Out-

in the all-embracing blackness they discarded their belongings, out surgery, a doctor outlined of a south China morning. I had for one a bright brass prayer travelled for a week from wheel which had not stopped Peking just to reach Szechuan spinning that morning, for

produced to keep the body from the filthy ground, and two handrests, pieces of corrugated After a two-hour flight across card if nothing else was available. The the fell to his devotions for as long as he could manage.

Was there any way in which such simple dedication could be explained to us foreigners, with our expensive cameras, sun-glasses and credit cards? I doubted it, and when we entered the temple I knew. Tibet exists as a place apart, distant as much in time as in geographical location.

Gilded statues and the heavy scent of yak butter

inside the Jokhang, the first thing one notices is the smell rising from hundreds of brass bowls scattered around the interior, each filled with clear yak butter in which gutters a short wick. It is a heavy, congestive smell, producing a smoky, yellow light which barely pierces the gloom. The halls were filled with

alone, but forever forcing comparisons.

In any case, much of Tibetan life is utterly inexplicable to any twentieth-century outsider.

Tibetans performing their devotions, throwing a handful of barley wheat at the feet of one Buddha, placing a dried cob of corn before another. I wandered past the gilded statues, which reflected an odd shade of gold in the candlelight, and then stained pilgrims were hard at climbed to the roof grateful for the fresh, cool morning air. The Potala sat majestically in the distance beyond the ornate caves of the Jokhang, and a group of women pounded grain

> Without discomfort, almost etrated virtually every aspect of Tibetan life. At the School of Medicine, which promised

It began, as pilgrimages should, side the red and gold entrance appendicitis, like all ills, withthought was allied to Bud dhism. In the quiet corners o temples, silent monks would Whatever their station, the beg with polite smiles for ritual was the same. A mat was photograph of the Dalai Lama.

when we left Lhasa for three days for Xigatse, a 10-hour drive away through mountain astonishing variety decorated in the most awkward of places with giant emblems from the scriptures.

Western civilization seemed even more distant in Tibet's second city. The accommodation was even more spartan, in National Service-style huts with open latrines at the end of each row. The Tashilumpo monastery, the largest working community of monks still surviving, sits halfway up a rocky hillside, a group of low-slung white buildings penetrated by winding cobbled streets down which maroon-robed monks tottered carrying giant flasks of butter tea.

A group of young men watched us with a shy curiosity. sporting cheap enamel badges which, from afar, looked like images of Blackpool Tower. On closer inspection, they turned out to represent the Potala Palace; the wearers were novice monks, part of the first new intake into Tibet's monastic system since the Cultural

We wandered through the echoing alleys; it might be the busiest monastery in Tibet, but it looked depopulated, a magnificent relic creaking through its daily rituals. That evening we returned to listen to the chanting of the different orders, rough and meandering among the 40 monks, delicate and eerie in the inner quarters of

Tibet's attraction lies not only in its strangeness but also in the absence of tourists. A shortage of accommodation limits the number of foreigners allowed in at any one time to about thirty. The itinerary

> Kome & orrento



is looks: Country sights in Tibet (top left and right); Below left, a pilgrim advances on hands and knees to the great temple of Jokhang

sounds repetitive, a series of a sudden bout of bad weather, the midst of such an archaic society left every traveller I met convinced that he had completed one of the most memorable journeys in a world where exotic travel can be bought from the high street travel

During the months when visitors are allowed to travel, the weather possesses a pleasant European bite, almost alpine in nature. The air, though thin, is refreshingly cool, but not so chill as to demand much more than a jacket and pullover on most occasions. Rain is infrequent and snow occurs only on the higher reaches. If there is

monasteries, temples, and other the tourist guides, who seem to sights. In fact, simply being in expect foreigners to collapse at any moment, carry spare supplies of overcoats along with their oxygen pillows.

Living conditions are basic, with shared bathrooms if one is lucky and a paucity of hot water. The food is edible if

Anyone thinking of visiting Tibet should first see a doctor to ensure that there are no health reasons for not undertaking the trip. Lhasa is not undertaking the unp. Land 12,000tt above sea level, and virtually every visitor will virtually every visitor will experience some ill effect from the altitude. In most cases, this is restricted to breathlessness and a few headaches during the first few days in the country, individual visas

repetitive. Although the Chinese, who make up most of the guides, are clearly sensitive about the politics of Tibet, they are usually amenable to chang-ing intineraries to take in new sights and possess none of the ideological rigidity of the Intourist operative.

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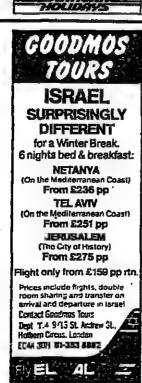
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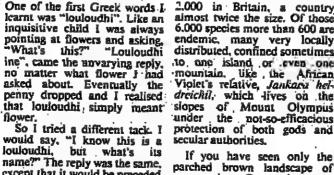
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except that it would be preceded by an "Eh!", one of those expressive Greek gestures: a slight expulsion of breath like a mild grunt, accompanied by a lifting of the shoulders, a downturning of the corners of the mouth and slight lowering of the eyelids, meaning, "I don't know, and the fact of my not knowing is in no sense evidence of ignorance. Such questions are trivial". So I gave up asking.

But it is a pity to take no interest in wild flowers in a. country like Greece, where nature has been so wildly profligate in bestowing both number and variety. Dry statistics tell us that over 6.000 species are to be found there, compared, for instance, with

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One of the first Greek words I 2.000 in Britain, a country learnt was "louloudhi". Like an almost twice the size. Of those inquisitive child I was always 6.000 species more than 600 are pointing at flowers and asking, endemic, many very locally "What's this?" "Louloudhi distributed, confined sometimes ine" came the unvarying reply. to one island or even one no matter what flower I had mountain, like the African Violet's relative, Jankara helunder the not-so-efficacious protection of both gods and secular authorities.

> If you have seen only the parched brown landscape of summertime Greece it seems incredible that anything fresh, green or flowery could arise from that dry dirt. Yet even by the beginning of October, when there has been no more moisture than a little dew and a couple of rainstorms since April, the stony ground is covered with cyclamen and autumn crocuses. At Cape Sounion, near the white temple of Poseidon where proto-vandal Byron carved his name, a little sweet-flowered narcissus manages to push its way up to the autumn sun through ground stamped hard by the feet of thousands of visitors. In the lanes of Spetses clumps of yellow crocus-like sternbergia nudge aside the plastic bags. and other unsightly detritus of modern village life.

The real flower time, of course, is spring. The fields are full of anemones and the roadsides thick with irises and

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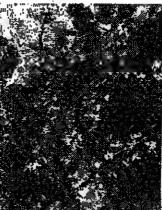
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Heavenly Hellenes: Judas tree (left) and Sternbergia Lutea

grape hyacinths. Gladioli and tulips grow in the young corn, followed by sheets of crimson poppies. The white almond blossom is out and the gawdy mauve-pink flowers of the Judas tree, said to be its blush of shame at having served Judas Iscariot for a gibbet. If you should happen to make

an Easter visit to Delphi, go down to Galaxidhi on the coast below the ancient site. It is a beautiful village, one of the few to have escaped the disfiguring blight of concrete and flat roofs. Stroll along the shore. On abright spring day the view is breathtaking. You look back across the blue waters of the bay to where Delphi lies under the red cliffs of the Phaedriades. Above it, the snowy peaks of Mount Parnassos are dazzling white against the azure sky.

The sun warms the skin, but the air is still cool enough to June after the winter snow has leave a pleasant tang of begun to melt. There you find freshness in the nostrils. The acres of crocuses, yellow, lilac hillsides are yellow with broom and Jerusalem Sage. Everywhere are stately ranks of white Lear irreverently calls "as-sliddles" in the notes he



scrawled in the corners of his

sketches.

All these are flowers you cannot fail to notice. But if you once bend down and search deliberately among the low scrubby bushes that cover so much of lowland Greece, all sorts of other beauties are revealed. Most extraordinary and delicate are the numerous orchids, in particular the bizarre-looking ophrys, whose names testify to their curious shapes and intricacy of design: sawfly, woodcock, horsefly, mirror-of-Venus horseshoe. .. and that last one is a

beauty: the lower part of the flower is a lip of pure blue enamel, held out to reflect the sun, the very thing for the Queen of Love to preen in. But the Elysian Fields for

flower-hunters in Greece must surely be the mountains, where spring comes only in May or crimson geraniums and clumps asphodel, the flower Edward of blue campanulas trailing Lear irreverently calls "as- their frail trumpet-shaped flow-

The mountains offer other pleasures too. The guilles are bright with icy streams from the melting snow. Butterflies bask in patches of sunlight filtering through to the forest floor Fritillaries settle wherever there are stands of thistle, and high above the treeline you find the spectacular Apollo butterfly, whose wide white wings are veined with black and ringed with great red discs.

The most convenient field guide to the Greek flowers is: 70 Huxley and Taylor's Flowers of." Greece and the Aegean (Chatto & Windus, £5.95). The mostuseful information about flower-hunting locations is con-tained in Oleg Polunin's Flowers of Greece and the Balkans (Oxford University Press, £40). The Goulandris Natural His-tory Museum in Kifissia, Athens, is also well worth at visit. Flora and fauna arouse little enthusiasm in Greece loday, and the museum staff are very appreciative of any interest shown and willing to help with

advice about places to go. The museum also publishes two beautiful, though very expensive, books on wild flowers. One, Wild Flowers of Greece by C. N. Goulimis, is illustrated with paintings by Niki Goulandris, and attractive prints of these are on sale at the museum. The other. Wild Flowers of Mount Olympus, by Arne Strid, has superb colour photographs of so many species: that it could almost serve as a guide to the entire Greek flora.

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John Ardagh gets his tongue round the linguistic and gastronomic specialities of the Basques

# Three 'txeers' for those reactionary fish dishes

My gastronomic tour of the Basque country began in the Pyrences with a rich wine stew of wood-pigeon. More precisely it began with catching these pretty palombes, a sport that could well turn a bird-lover into a vegetarian. It was early autumn when we made our way to a Spanish pub on a frontier pass in the hills south of St-Jean-de-Luz; here French and Spanish Basques had gathered with shotguns for their annual

pastime of pigeon-trapping.

The birds were migrating from the Baltic to North Africa. and the hunters had strung big nets from tree to tree across the steep valley to trap them as they flew up over the pass. To scare them into the nets, they beat drums, blew bugles, and buried white discs which some birds mistook for prey. Then they finished them off with their guns or by twisting or biting their necks. "It's disgusting", said one very modern Basque girl, "but these birds are no fools. They're getting wise to the danger, and they fly higher to avoid the trap."

Conservation's gain would be gastronomy's loss; a black and pungent salmis de palombe is one of the most delicious and popular Basque specialities. In the French Basque country, other local dishes to go for are ttoro, a fish stew in white wine, and piperade, a kind of ratatouille with scrambled eggs. However. Basque cuisine is more varied and subtle in the

Spanish provinces. San Sabastian must be one of the most food-minded cities in Europe: it has nearly 100 "gastronomic clubs" where men (without their wives) go to cook and eat their favourite dishes, while the enclosed, secretive restaurants of the old quarters under Monte Urgull are always full of big families devouring enormous meals with an even greater intensity and devotion than in France.

The accent is on fish, including some bizarre delicacies. I was disappointed by the ubiquitous txangurro (crabshell, stuffed with its own mixed meat, baked with rum and cognac), but I enjoyed the koketwas which is, improbable though it may sound, poached thyroid gland of hake.

Those Basque as and zs! This strange language has been elevated to official status now that the Basque provinces have some autonomy and are for-mally bilingual, like Canada. Falangist, you are well advised of the past than do most S RTE basquified, the "ch" turned into "ix", which is similarly pronounced. It can produce odd results such as "lamb txop" or "txocolate", both regularly featured on tourist menus printed in English.

A worse hazard for the visitor is the recent much-trumpeted appearance of la nueva cocina l'asca, a Basque imitation of at low tide. the French nouvelle cuisine. Spicy Spanish dishes are now being cooked more blandly and served in small portions at any other Europeans, and in

fancy prices.
In France, nouvelle cuisine is at least an intelligent variation on haute cuisine, and can work well: but Spain has virtually no such tradition, and robust Spanish cooking does not lend itself to the nouvelle treatment. Fortunately, there are now signs of consumer resistance.

travelled west to Cantabria. around Santander, which alsohas its nueva cocina. At one hilltop palace built for the

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very modish rural restaurant in young Alfonso XIII now houses a milihouse we were given tuna mousse, mixed salad of avocado and anchovies, and a completely tasteless mussel soufflé, with colery sorbet between courses. "My aim", said the ambitious owner, "is to change Spaniards' eating habits, to make them less coarse, more intellectual. I invent my own dishes and accept no chef who has previously worked else-where." The results spoke for themselves.

From this high-minded purist and others of his kind I learnt that in Spain today cooking is politics. Many of the new wave of chefs are left-of-centre lib-erals, for whom this nueva cocina is a political gesture, an assertion of the new democratic Spain against the Falangist past represented by traditional cui-

Clams, prawns and a two-headed sardine

Especially fish. At the several excellent fish restaurants in Santander we enjoyed white haricots with clams and gartic. unusually succulent tiny prawns which locals claim are unique to Santander and found only at the equinox: and percebes, raw claw-shaped goose-barnacles which are scraped off the rocks

Partly because meat in Spain tends to be tough and scraggy. the Spanish cat more fish than greater variety. Hence the indignation of the north-coast fishermen at their virtual exclusion from EEC waters. The Spanish are obsessed by fish. At the marine museum in Santander we were proudly shown a two-headed sardine found in

From the museum we walked From the Basque country we to the charming, pine-covered aveiled west to Cantabria, peninsula of La Magdalena. where the Victorian Gothic

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La Magdalena, now a civio park, is full of surprises not least the notices warning that "police dogs roam after 10 pm" - the place is much used by local couples enjoying the new Spanish permissiveness. This has no connexion with the Dia di Lecheria that we found in progress in the park. It was a dairy show, a reminder that Cantabrians, whatever the meagreness of their beef, have a passion for other products of the cow. They must be among Europe's leading milk drinkers. One common dessert on menus is leche frita: "fried milk" may not sound appetizing, but this caramelized custard is, in fact,

delicious. There was more milk at Santillana-del-Mar, the famous medieval village near Santander where seigneurial mansions line cobbled. traffic-free streets. It has been carefully preserved somewhat in aspic, perhaps, yet

We had read of "little stalls selling the local speciality, a glass of milk and a kind of biscuit", so we went in search of this enticing gastronomy. And facing the splendid Roman-esque church was a booth serving warm milk with sponge cake for 35 pesetas. Villagers were queuing for it. I was told that this is a recent revival of a medieval custom, when pilgrims halting at the church on their way to Santiago were offered this sustenance. The Basques, no doubt, would have txurned it into txeese.

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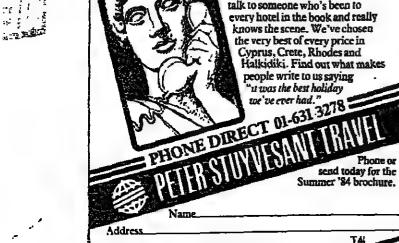
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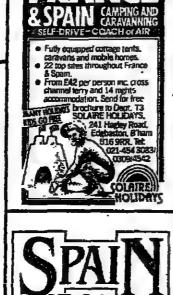
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# Why the new wave is hot stuff

Small is beautiful again in the kitchen. There was a time when the small screen was regarded as akin to a video nasty - but all is now forgiven. I am not talking about breakfast television but microwave ovens.

Bejam was one of the first highstreet retailers to stock these ovens in 1978 when fewer than I per cent of the 20 million households in Britain had one. By 1981 the figure was still only 2½ per cent, but last year it rose to 5½ per cent and the forecast for 1984 is 7½ per cent.

With an expected 760,000 new models being sold this year, that will make a total of 1,500,000 microwave ovens in use by the end of the year.

The lean years were certainly caused by the scares about safety and it has taken the industry a long time to recover from unfounded fears about

How do you choose the right

oven? First decide what you

want it to do. Bejam did a

survey of users, thinking most

cent used the ovens for primary

cooking.

Essential basics are variable control buttons labelled defrost,

cook/heat and simmer, or low

medium and high, and a

turntable to make sure that food

cooks evenly without constant manual stirring or turning.

is a "wave stirrer", an auto-matic but invisible mechanism

at the top of the oven which distributes the waves evenly as

they enter the oven. Some

manufacturers claim that this is

as effective as a turntable, but Jill McWilliam, director and

chief home economist of Bejam,

is not convinced and always

A slight disadvantage of the

automatically moving platform is that it limits the size and

shape of the dishes used. Jenny

Webb, home economist at the

Electricity Council, suggests the best of both worlds - a cooker

with a turntable that can be

switched off to accommodate

larger quantities. The Belling MW1B at £229.95 and MWS at

£289.95 both have this feature.

Microwaves can be used as

conventional ovens at the touch

of a switch. You can start cooking on microwave and

finish on "normal" electric, or

you can use the microwave as

an extra small oven. The

Brother 6510 by Jones & Bros is

a dual purpose oven at £345.

For local stockists telephone 061-330 6531.

There are three categories of microwave ovens. The least

expensive, basic cooker has a

small cavity and low wattage (usually called output) and a

simple defrost control. This type costs around £160 but is

useful only for quick thawing. In Jenny Webb's experience

most people who buy one say

Cage your fruit & vegetables

or lose up to 80° to the birds

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Value for money

recommends a turntable.

The alternative to a turntable

wanted a microwave mostly for defrosting, and were astounded to find that 90 per

Essential basics

eye cataracts, cancer and other horrors. These stories originated in the United States and were, it has now been proved, as ludicrous as the tale of the woman who dried off her poodle in a microwave and had nothing left but an astrakhan muff.

The problem was the word radiation. There are two types of radiation - the ionizing type like X-rays, gamma rays and ultra-violet rays and the safe, non-ionizing type which include microwaves and which do not cause the breakdown of cells.

To reassure people still worried about microwaves the British Standards Institution insists on a maximum leakage limit of 5 milliwatts per square centimetre at a distance of 5cm from the oven door. Radiation spreads and decreases in power as it travels away from the source and the

The Brother 6510 microwave/conventional oven costs £345. For

stockists telephone 061-330 6531. The oven has a turntable and

can be programmed to brown food after microwave cooking

chosen something more versa- cause it does not dry things out.

The middle range usually has

a higher wattage, 600 - 700w, and a larger cavity with variable

power or a temperature probe which helps you to cook by temperature rather than by

time. Prices range from £200 to

£300. This group of machines should satisfy most people's needs. Tricity 2003 and 2013, National NE 650, Philips 8915.

Sharp R 6220 and Bejam 600 are all between £214 and

The most expensive categor

ranges from £300 to £1,000.

They are simply not worth the

money for ordinary use. Ex-pensive microwaves are like

expensive washing machines -

they give you more programmes

The most important question

is whether the microwave oven

will cook everything for a

I have been testing the Bejam

600 for six months and I find it

excellent, time-saving and econ-

omical for fish (no smells), baked potatoes, crème caramel

(no constant stirring of the

sugar), stews, and, surprisingly,

chocolate cake (not cakes with no colour of their own). It is

also ideal, of course, for

but you still use only three.

family. The answer is no.

What will it cost?

£249.95.

they regret not having defrosting and reheating

But the things it does badly

are pastry and roasis. Whatever

the home economists say.

microwaves tend to steam the

meat because they act on the water molecules in food, caus-

ing rapid friction and therefore

faster cooking. But if I am in such a hurry that I want to make a chicken look less

appetising in 30 minutes instead of succulent in 55 minutes, I

There are no simple rules for

converting conventional recipes

for microwaves. You must have

microwave recipes and learn to

use this style of oven just as you

must learn to use an ordinary

would rather buy chops.

Special recipes

5mw would have a power of only 0.0005 mw by the time they reached arm's length from the oven door.

In any case that is the maximum leakage allowed and in practice the amounts are much smaller. When the oven door is opened microwaves switch off as instantly as a light bulb. .

Not all microwave oven sold in this country - and there are about 50 models to choose from - have been cleared by the British Electrotechnical Approvals Board, so do not buy one without the BEAB label. The label means that models have been independently tested by the Electricity Council Appliance Testing Laboratories and that there are two safety mechanisms - each backing the other up should one fail - to ensure that microwaves cannot operate if the door

keeping Microwave Handbook, with 50 recipes, is also a thorough guide to understand-ing the principles of using the new medium (£3.95 from W. H. Smith).

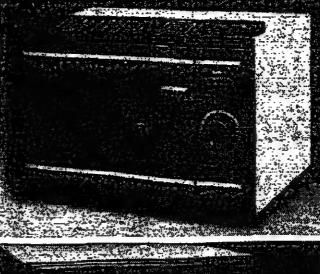
Special containers are not entirely necessary for micro-wave cooking but results are better if you do use them. You must not use metal including any china with gold or silver decoration, but Pyrex, china and glazed earthenware are suitable and there is a new plastic which has been specially developed for microwaves by Thorpac,

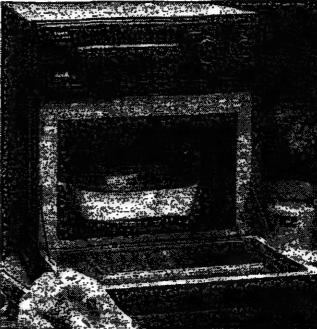
More decorative is the Micratex cookware developed by William Adams, All the cooking dishes have rounded corners and straight sides to ensure even cooking. The line was developed in conjunction with Creda, the cooker manufacturers.

models of microwave cookers from £129,99 to £269,99; Currys 17 models from six manufac-turers from £129.99 to £379.99; Bejam eight models from £149 to £269; and London Electricity showrooms nine from £174.95 to £274.95. Selected models can also be seen at many departmeni stores.

It is worth shopping around, gathering lots of leaflets and comparing prices and versa tility. Always buy from a local branch where there is a home economist to help you and offer after-sales advice.

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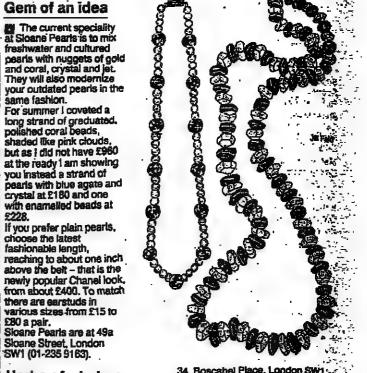


The Bejam 600 is the only upright model available and is ideal for those with limited counter space. It also has a useful cooking and defrosting guide in the panel above the even. On special offer at £229.90 from Bejam centres until March 14

Awkward customers (top): The Belling MW1 has a turntable which can be switched off when cooking large or awkwardly-shaped quantities. The cookery guide is across the top of the machine. At London Elec-Board showrooms,



pattern, now also decorates a collection of dishes designed specifically for microwave cooking. Oblong roasting dish £12.85, eval baking dish £8.25, round pie-dish £8, casserole with lid £21.05, ramekin (set of four) £9.90. From Wedgwood rooms



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The subjects include propagation of herbs, design of a herb garden and healing with essential oils.

Lectures at the Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Ru London SW3, will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays between March 7 and May 12. Tickets to non-members are £2.50 each. More information from The Secretary, The Herb Society,

(01-235 1530). For those in the north of England Yorkshire Herbs has just begun its half-day courses. People taking the growing course do some practical. work in the garden; those studying fragrance and preserving experiment with pot pourt; and experiment with pot pount; and potential herb cooks end their session by having the demonstration dishes for lunch. For our EB and £7.50 for the courses which all start at 9.30am.

Deteils from The Herb Centre. Middleton Tyss, Richmond, North Yorkshire (Barton (0325 77) 686). A basic information pack is available by mail for £2.60 from The British Herb Trade Association,
46 Church Street, Buckden;
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making hair rinses and cosmetics, offers growing hints and advice on making wine and gives addresses of hero nurseries and shops,

**Bags of talent** 

Readers of this column will know that I admire craftspeople who try to go it admi-with nothing to declare but their talent. Such a one is Elspeth Harvey. "Af I can do is stitch", she says. "I can't even join the bits up, so the house was full of squares of embroidery and I had to find a use for

Her idea was to make soft leather clutch bags with embroidered panelled fronts. Not tapestry - that has been done before - but French knots, which cannot be done by machine.

She found a textile designer to create the patterns, which she stitches and then gives to a leatherworker to make up. Together they are producing a small range of beautifully finished pochettes, 7½ in by 4½ in.

ined in soft pigskin.

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The bags cost £46.50 including post and packaging from Elspeth Harvey.

The Toft, Dunston, Near Stafford (0785 780517), and are made to order into

Lively London

The perfect book for those who already know London well is called The Essential Guide to London (Pan £2.95), it is not so good for occasional visitors to London because half its charm is that it is so opinionated that you can quarrel with it. David Benedictus, the author.

believes that a guide book which "promotes the best without warning against the rest" is no better than a travel agent who recommends a stretch of golden sands without mentioning the offers worst as well as best buys.

(except where a worst buy would probably be libelious).
You will find listed the best and worst cemetery, concarr hall, embassy, garden, ghost, litter bin museum, palace, parking meters (the least attended being the base). street market, and so on right through from A For African food in Z for zoo, and quoting en route the Royal Box, Covent Garden as the Q.

best lavatory. Not, I would suggest, an essential guide, but certainly one of the most; entertaining, in fact it is the orbi-guide book I have read right through at one sitting, not for that



New wave: Cream plastic microwave cookware from Thorpac includes (left to right) a roasting rack £9.50, 1 livre jug £5.59, six miniramekin dishes £4.95, casserole £13.50, loaf dish £5.95. Also price variation at Bejam. The jug will not be available until mid-March

#### IN THE GARDEN

# Down-to-earth rules for soil preparation

The best time to prepare soil is winter can work on it. Héavy soils especially benefit from the effects of frost, snow, wind and rain. But it is usually about this time of year that gardeners begin thinking of preparing the ground for planting, and there is no reason why soil preparation should not be started now.

There are a number of rules to be observed, and the first is that if the ground is not suitable do not work it. The soil should not be so sticky that it clings to your boots and makes walking difficult. Much damage is caused to the stucture of the soil by working it in unsuitable conditions. If it is so wet that it comes up in great clods on the boots you are doing more harm It is also important not to

work the soil if there is a heavy frost. Light frosts are not a real problem because they go quickly once disturbed. Applying manure or compost on top of

manure or compost will protect Ground which has been reguin the late autumn so that the it from further severe weather, which will make soil cultivation that much easier. Ground being worked now can be left for a little while yet, as there is still a chance that we will get more hard weather.

> People often cannot decide on the best method of cultivation. There is no reason why



cultivators - they will do an excellent job and take a lot of

larly worked in the past is easy to break down and some of the lighter machines will do this very well. Virgin soil or soil which has been heavily compacted needs a much more powerful machine, and you must be able to regulate its forward speed as well as the speed of the rotating blades.

Using rotavators calls for some patience. Do not attempt to cultivate to the depth decided in one fell swoop but take it down in at least two passes. This is easier on the machine and you achieve a better breakup of the soil. A depth of 9in is usual and this can be done by halving the depth at each pass.

Hand digging is the usual method employed in breaking up the soil in most amateur gardens and I consider it vital to hand dig ground which has been rotavated for the past four of five years. Ground prepared by hand will be in a better state

Make no attempt to break the soil down when hand digging at this time. It is all right to incorporate organic matter but make sure this is well buried beneath the soil. Single digging, working soil to the depth of the blade of a spade, about 9in, is usually enough and most plants will accept ground so prepared. But it may sometimes be necessary to double dig. going down to two spade depths. There are a number of plants which like this depth of

runner beans, for example. Allotments are ready to be worked now and areas where a lawn is to be put down can also be prepared. Most bedding areas will be filled with spring colour and should not be touched at present; the same goes for areas where shrub planting is to take place. Do not dig at this time unless you have plants ready to go in before the weather begins to warm up.

cultivated soil: sweet peas and



Perfect camellia

If I were pressed to name my favourite plant the camelia would be top of my list, or very near it. Evergreens are best planted while there are still signs of growth - late autumn to early winter or late. winter/early spring. The best time is in the autumn, but there are few failures in the spring as long as the

Camellias planted where they are in for a blow and where the drainage is suspect are unlikely to do well. Soils with a high alkaline content are to be avoided.

Do not deep plant. Ideally the camellia should be planted about one inch below the existing nursery one inch below the existing nursery mark (the mark to be found on the stem of the plant which shows the depth at which it was growing in the nursery). Firm planting is needed to prevent the camella rocking about in the wind. Use the heel and firmin, but do not go so close to the

early flowers and these forms be sited for protection from cold '49 frosty winds. Open flowers should be protected from early-morning sun; scorch is likely in bad weather. but is almost a certainty if the flowers are exposed to the sun when still frosted. This is one of the reasons why camellias make good. north-wall plants. Hundreds of varieties are available

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From Fritz Schrödter's beguilingly direct "Nussbaum" of 1902 to Victoria de los Angeles's kittenish 1951 version of the same, many illuminating revelations lie in store on EMI's new archive collection, Following on from their 1982 Schubert box, EMI and Keith Hardwick have come up with 130 Brahms and Schumann songs, 77 vintage singers, and much previously unpublished material, all of which is excellently

transferred and remastered. The collection includes delights such as Artur Schnabel accompanying his wife Therese in Schumann; Julia Culp's complete and fearless 1909 Frauenliebe, Chaliapin's "Two Grenadiers" (in Russian, with orthestral). orchestra!); and Schmitt-Walter's wonderfully individual "Widmung". Elena Gerhard is incomparable in Brahms, John McCormack and Richard Tauber bring to him a distinctly period flavour, and Lotte Schöne, a great Mozartian in her day, sings an exquisite "Wic

Another, lesser rarity comes from Yo Yo Ma, who puts Kabalevsky's First Cello Concerto back into the catalogue



Richard Tauber: Period flavour with a performance urgently alive to the impulsive, fluent invention of this work dedicated in 1948 to Soviet youth. The record's raison d'être, however, is an outstanding performance of Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto, which comes very close to the reading of its dedicatee, Rostropovich, in unremitting intensity, although the latter's approach to the slow movement is more lyrical, less uneasily uncompro-

If Haitink has not been in the very forefront of the public mind as a conductor of Mahler, his new recording of the Symphony shows exactly what he is made of in this capacity. A bright, physically immediate recording highlights some exceptionally distinctive wind and brass playing, moulding and defining character here, challenging our perception of sound itself there. But most valuable of all is Haitink's ability to hold back in the first movement, to give space for silence and the passage of time; and his subtle touches of pacing in the finale ensure a resonant calm in the eyes of its maelstrom of high spirits.

Barbara Hendricks's selection of French operatic arias provides a little potted history of nineteenth-century French opera, from Berlioz's Teresa in Benvenuto Cellini to Charpentier's Louise. While there is no one outstanding interpretation the character Hendricks's voice keeps fresh a pot-pourri which is further enlivened by the instinctive support and detail of Jeffery Tate's conducting.

# Brahmsian certainties in an upsidedown world

Discovering Zemlinsky has been one of the most popular musical hobbies of the last decade: for a composer who died in virtual oblivion during the Second World War, he has been doing rather well. All his operas have been revived in Germany; two of them were brought by the Hamburg company to Edinburgh last year, where there was also a chance to hear several other works. Now fine performances of the four quartets have been recorded by the LaSalle, whose experience in

the Viennese music of this period is unrivalled. The quarters cover almost the whole of Zemlinsky's compos-ing life (the first was written in 1896, the last in 1936), and although other pieces bear witness to some severe zig-zags of style, there is a certain companionship among these four, possible because Zemlinsky wrote them as entries in a personal diary. Even the first has distinctive features in the melodies that trail on luxuriantly, or in the paradoxical formal clarity, or in the ironic friction of quite different kinds of musical expression fitted into

But the presiding geniuses are quartet that Schoenberg wrote phon 2530 982). in 1897 under Zemlinsky's

the same movement.

Zemlinsky: String Quartets LaSalle. Deutsche Grammophon 2741 016 (three records) Schoenberg: Choral works Netherlands Chamber Choir/de Leeuw. Phillips 411 088-1

(two records) Ferneyhough: String Quartet No 2; Harvey: String Quartet No 2; Carter: String Quartet No 3 Arditi. RCA RS 9008

Xenakis: String works Arditti. RCA RS 9009

character which seems most fascinating in his music; that of one searching for the Brahm-sian certainties in a musical world that his friend Schoenberg had so rapidly turned upside down,

The Second Quartet (1913-14) emulates Schoenberg's First in telescoping the four movements, if in a less aggressively thorough manner. It is this tension between the charm of the old and the challenge of the new that is responsible for its Mahlerian irony. It is also a work of extreme emotion and Richard Strauss to Stravinsky. But the presiding geniuses are those of Brahms and Dvorák, very much as in the D major years (on Deutsche Grammo-

Those who bought that disc hard to record and reproduce guidance. In the later quartets
Zemlinsky becomes more himself, or rather he takes on that

doubt they will delay long. The Third and Fourth Quartets are both more at ease with themselves, being again in short. separate movements and occasionally breathing a radiant nostalgia that is positively Delian. However, the undercurrents of anxiety remain, especially but by no means solely in the post-Mahler burlesques that both works contain.

There is more Zemlinsky - a

nervously languorous setting of the Twenty-third Psalm - on Netherlands Chamber Choir's double album, but here the emphasis is on Schoenberg. whose complete published choral works, excepting those with orchestra, are included. The collection is curiously representative. Two groups of how readily Schoenberg identified himself with Brahms identifying himself with Bach, while the original works include one of the masterpieces of tonality under siege (Friede auf Erden) as well as three musically and morally important sets musical contrast, working its of early serial pieces and two basic motif all the way from late prayers.

The trouble is that choral sounds which can be exciting in the concert half - searing harmonies and scorching high soprano lines - are devilishly



Alexander Zemlinsky: Undergoing enthusiastic rediscovery

some electronic agony. Happily, by a much more tranquil the problems are much less acute in the Six Pieces for male chorus, which is also the best of these works.

Other appetites, for the abstruse and for the red hot and raw, are excellently served by two records from the highly talented Arditti Quartet. One offers high-powered imaginings from Brian Ferneyhough and

meditation on a melody from Jonathan Harvey. The other combines the computer-calculated splutters and slides of Xenakis's early ST/4 with the rude assaults of such more recent and strongly shaped works as Dikhuhas for violin and piano or Ikhoor for string

Paul Griffiths

early-sixteenth-century

# Power of lowered voices in a singular service

After a long period of inactivity the Mass that can be attributed in the early-music market since to a single composer, and its pioneering and enlightened support of David Munrow, EMI has this month launched a new early-music label which includes some important releases.

Reflexe is not a new name: it is taken from the marvellous series of recordings on EMI Electrola, only sporadically available on import here, which featured the work of the Studio der Frühen Musik, and made a revival in the past couple of years with discs by Hesperion XX, the Hilliard Ensemble, Colin Tilney and others.

Andrew Parrott directs the outstanding item in the initial release, a liturgical reconstruction of High Mass on the Feast
of the Nativity of Our Lady at
Rheims Cathedral, which includes Machaut's Messe de

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arguments over its performance have raged for years. There are little phrases which look as if they could only be for instru-ments, but, as Parrott shows they can perfectly well be sung.

More controversial is likely to be his transposition of the work downwards so that it is sung by male voices alone, and by soloists at that. But I find the singing so good that clarity is rarely lost even when the textures become slightly muddy. And the coherence of the overall sound - polyphony alternating with plainchant, sung also by male voices - is

Machaut: Messe de Nostre Dame Taverner Consort and Choir/Andrew Parrott. EMI Reflexe ASD 1435761; cassette TC ASD

Purcell: Fantasias for viols London Baroque/Charles Mediam. EMi Reflexe ASD 1436311; cassette TC ASD 1436314

Renaissance Music In Naples Hasperion XX/Jordi Savali, EMI Reflexe ASD 1436291; cassette TC ASD 1436294 C. P. E. Bach: Six Harpsichord

Concertos Bob van Asperen (soloist and director)/Melante '81. EMI Reflexe SLS 14334863 (two records); TC SLS 143869 (one

which includes bells and sound

of this English form into which refreshingly crisp sound of the the 21-year-old composer poured all his imitative skill larger pieces which Jordi Savall directs. We are taken from the late-fifteenth-century court of Alfonso I and Ferdinand I to and emotional maturity. The complete set of 15 pieces can make daunting listening, but on this new recording London Baroque play them with such court of Charles V. lightness and eloquence that Gustav Leonhardt, has made one wishes the sequence could some splendidly responsive go on for ever. The plangent, recordings of the curious solo reedy sound is accentuated by keyboard music of C. P. E. the use of "modern" violins in place of treble viols on the top two lines - it surprised me to learn that this, judging from the clefs he used, was probably

The most striking of the foreign ensembles is Hesperion XX, whose record of Renaissance music from Naples is distinguished by soprano Monserrat Figueras's gloriously idio-

what Purcell intended.

Bach. Some of his later music

Bob van Asperen, a pupil of

requires the fortepiano rather than the harpsichord, but there. is no doubt that the latter is the right instrument for the six concertos written in Hamburg in 1772. Asperen trips through their bouncy rhythms and quirky phrases with great aplomb, and the orchestra of period instruments which he has gathered together matches

of is of

#### Drink

#### Virtue and value of the Rhône

have yet to meet the French vigneron who does not compare his wine to a woman. The analogy usually goes something like this: "Mais out, she is an awkward schoolgir! now, but in four years' time she will be beautiful". Quite the most enthusiastic exponent of the comparison must be Henri Brunier from that splendid Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe; his passion for his wines overflows into a hymn to women.

But as he makes one of the finest Châteauneufs, I forgive him. And now it seems that wine merchants too are waking up to the virtues of Rhone reds, since good claret and burgundy have become so pricey. The numerous 1982 Rhône offers put out by several leading merchants are a sign that these undervalued wines are being treated very seriously.

The Rhone produces slightly more wine every year than Burgundy, although considerably less than Bordeaux and its vineyards are some of the oldest in France. Those steep hillside vineyards at Hermitage, for instance, were originally thought to have been planted with the syrah (or shiraz) grape from Persia by Greeks who journeyed up the Rhône valley from their trading post at

Lumping the northern and southern Rhône reds together is a mistake, for wines such as the northern Hermitage and southern Châteauneuf-du-Pape really have little in common, being made from different grape varieues in different climates. Northern Rhône reds, despite the predominance of the syrah, seem more akin to burgundy, just as the southern Rhône reds have much of the spice and guts of the provençal reds.

The 1982 vintage is a good example of the Rhône's dual nationality; while many of the southern reds were a disappointment, the north has produced some real stunners. Max Chapoutier, the fifth generation of his family to head Maison Chapoutier, went so far 23 to describe the northern 1982 wines as "the best I have ever

If the thought of buying a northern 1982 Rhône en primeur appeals, get in touch with Les Amis du Vin, who are selling a trio of Paul Jaboulet Aine's 1982 wines including the Nicholas Kenyon revered Hermitage La Chap-pelle (£68.40 a case for mem-

The Wine Club's Italy



bers only, from 7 Ariel Way, Wood Lane, London W12; VAT, duty and shipping charges to be added).

Master of Wine Richard Harvey is also selling Jaboulet's 1982 Hermitage La Chapelle at £93 a case inclusive or £7.95 a bottle – and if you can only afford to lay down one majestic red Rhône from such a magnificent year, this should be it, (Richard Harvey Wines, The Auction House, East Street, Wimborne Minster, Dorset.)

The other great Hermitage name is Jean-Louis Chave, and although I have not tasted his 1982 (£7.75). M Chave's 1980 says much for his exper-tise, especially as 1980 was by no means a great Rhône vintage, (Robin Yapp, The Old Reguert, Marc Wiltshire) Brewery, Mere, Wiltshire).

After Hermitage, the Côte Rôtie, or "roasted hillside", just south of Vienne at the entrance to the Rhone valley, is the other syrah star in the northern Rhône's firmament. Recently I tasted Max Chapoutier's 1980 Côte Rôtie, a rich warm spicy wine with a great deal of class and style and nowhere near as hefty as some of these wines are. (Robin Yapp £8.60.)

The most famous Côte Rôtic name, and deservedly so, is Etienne Guigal, and Adnams carry the very fine 1978 "La Landonne" Côte Rôtic from the Côte Brane – a wonderful wine from a superb year that needs at least another decade in the cellar. (Adnams, Sole Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk

Leaving the Rhône without mentioning a wine from the south would not be fair, and although poor old Châteauneufdu-Pape has almost become the Nuits-St-Georges of the Rhône, wines such as M Brunier's 1980 Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe (Adnams £5.29), with its big purple colour and lovely, spicy, perfumed syrah taste, proves that good Chateauncus are still

Jane MacQuitty

# Lyrical Mephistopheles makes up for lost time

Boito: Mefistofele Frent, Caballe, Pavarotti, Ghiaurov, National Philharmonic/de Fabritiis, Decca D2700 3 (three records); K270K 32 Verdi: Otello Plowright, Cralg, Howlett, ENO Orchestra/Elder.

EMI SLS 1436053 (two records); TC SLS 1436055 (two cassettes) Decca's new Mefistofele has been a long time a-coming, several years in fact. The main reason for the delay was the ill health of the conductor, Oliviero de Fabritiis, who died

before the set was issued. The contribution of de Fabritiis, who was insufficiently recognized outside his native Italy and inadequately represented in the record catalogue, is a powerful argument for buying this set. He is the most Italian of conductors in this most Italian of works - Boito's Faust opera is some way after Goethe. The mood is elegaic, lyrical and expansive, a worthy finale to Fabritiis's long association with

Pavarotti's Faust is inspired by the same lyrical vein, and an aria such as "Dai campi", shows him at his most refined. with Faust deep in pious reflection before Mephistopheles arrives to upset the tenor of his life. Ghiaurov is Old ting.

Nick, a part he is well seum. EMI, relatively new in her next Verdi on record, acquainted with; this Mephisto taking opera direct from the Leonora in Deutsche Grammo-has plenty of weight but is short theatre, has yet to decide on phon's Trovatore. Charles



Light and dark: Rosalind Plowright, Charles Craig in Otello

Mirella Freni's Margherita is performance which satisfies all round, from the girlish tones of the garden scene to the halfmad misery of "L'altra notte". And there is the bonus of the last Margherita on record (for EMI), Montserrat Caballe, in

on the sophistication vital to

the small part of Helen of Troy. In sum, a set well worth the It was, of course, Boito who provided the libretto for Verdi's although Otello, and it can be heard very clearly in EMI's recording from live performances at the Coli-

**Eating Out** 

matters such as the amount of applause to include - if it is allowed at the end of each act, then why not after arias which would normally receive it? - but in other respects this is a very faithful reflection of one of the National

Willow Maria rather

greatest successes.
Rosalind Plowright's Desdemona shines through the set in a most womanly and carefully evolved interpretation. The Song is exquisite, the following Ave

accomplished. All in all, though, this raises the highest hopes for

Craig's Otello comes over somewhat gruff outside the theatre, with the impression that sometimes the voice has to be hoisted up like a mighty weight. But there is Neil Howlett's incisive lago and consistently eloquent and refined conducting from Mark Elder. The economy-minded should note that EMI, with not too much loss of sound quality, has got this Otello on to two records instead of three.

Compact Disc Opera on CD is really beginning to come on stream. EMI makes its first foray this month with Zauberflöte highlights, a little too closely packed together, but there are the pluses of an almost 100 per cent German-speaking cast, led by Jerusalem's Tamino, and the splendidly responsisive conducting of Haitink and the Bavarian Radio Orchestra (CDC 7 47008 2).

Complete operas, both treat-ments of the Figaro story by Rossini and Mozart, come from Philips and Decca. Philips's 11 barbiere arrives even fresher on CD than it did on black disc, with Araiza and Baltsa matching each other well and Thomas Allen full of charm in the title role (411 058 - 2). Allen is there again (as the Count) in Decca's Figaro (410 150 - 2), which in Solti's high-tension performance is one of the best CD transfers yet.

John Higgins

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#### 4 Enotria

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Bleak outlook for early birds in search of bonhomie Despite these restrictions, the As the cold snap continues, the glittering, mirrored brasserie, importance of an early-morning with its brass-topped bar and bow-tied, waistcoated waiters meal increases. For those with does impart a sense of occasion, the time, and in some cases the

money, to breakfast out, we An American atmosphere is investigate four varied venues A favourite memory of my one and only visit to New York is of several spectacular breakfasts on Broadway, which offered coffee, fruit juice and a "Morn-ing, how are ya?" before bottom had even touched bar-stool. Unfortunately, the New York notion of breakfast as an "event" does not seem to have registered in London, with few restaurants outside the "greasy

spoons" or the larger hotels making any serious effort. The elegant Brasserie St Quentin is one that deserves a mention, even though breakfast is served there only at weekends and is limited to case complet a cup of flavoursome coffee accompanied by a basket of croissants and crisp French bread with butter and miniature jars of Tiptree pre-serves for £2.50 per person.

although the dominant mood is of Parisian introspection rather than Manhattan bonhomie.

also singularly absent from the Tudor Grill at the Hilton International Kensington. A gloomy interior of heraldic shields and wooden beams is dominated by a self-service console offering a continental breakfast (rolls, pastries, cereals, fruit juices, £3.50) or a traditional English one (eggs. bacon, sausages, mushrooms, £4.75) to sad-eyed travellers who all seem to be on their way to Heathrow.

All this tends to dampen early-morning spirits which are likely to be subsequently extinguished by the workings of an infernal toasting machine that steadfastly refuses to deposit your chosen slice on to

the waiting tray. The breakfast at the Hotel Coffee Inter-Continental's House is altogether a more convivial experience, incorpor-



service and a comprehensive à la carte menu with an American flavour. A number of fixedprice menus are offered (from £4.40 to £6.80) including selections from the cold buffet of fruits, cereals, pastries, cold meats and cheeses, augmented by such favourite hot dishes as porridge, kedgeree, kippers or waffles with maple syrup.

Only the bright, airport-

traffic detract from an otherwise exemplary operation. For immaculate comfort and perfect peace at breakfast time, I

doubt if The Connaught could be surpassed. The polished panelling, pink table linen, red velvet upholstery and chandeliers belong to a more graceful, unhurried era - high standards of dress, as exemplified by the tailcoated waiters, lounge-style decor and the are required of guests.

Finnan haddock, fruit compote, kedgeree (£3.50) and grills of steaks, liver or even Dover sole. Pots of high-quality tea and coffee lubricate the proceedings.

A continental breadfast is offered at £4.50, but eating à la carte works out rather more (say £9 a head before 15 per cent service). Even so, it is hard to begrudge the prices for such a stylish, nourishing start to the

.The Connaught's menu is a

confident assertion of the

English country-house break-

fast, ranging over immaculate porridge (£1), scrambled eggs,

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Tom and Mary have been The Foursome. The Sea Anchor married for 20 years, and their and Alpha Beta. The last gave daughter is about to leave home, him his greatest commercial Mary takes a job which she success when it was staged in enjoys, and as her way of life 1972, starring Albert Finney changes; so does her relation- and Rachel Roberts; it was later ship with Tom. Tom has made into a film. difficulty coming to terms with the new situation, and suffers a on an adaptation of Strindberg's

the Lyric Studio theatre on Monday.

"The play is about the problems we have in reconciling the new ideas of liberation and independence with the old ones of love and marriage," White-head explains. When Tom's wife gets a job, seeking her fulfilment, he discovers his dependence on her, something he had, never suspected. He needs a commitment and has no sympathy with the ideals of liberation in the 1960s and

This is a fresh look at that period of liberation, but it is ambivalent as well as being a critique of romantic love," says Whitehead.

in the play, directed by Peter James, Tom tries to recapture the intensity of early love, of a past rooted in romantic love, by playing a selection of "golden didie! records, - songs by Nat King Cole, the Platters and the Rolling Stones - which could result in the theatre being swamped in nostalgia.

The Man Who Fell In Love with his Wife began life as a BBC television play called Sweet Nothings. It was transmitted in 1980 and starred Tom Bell and Lynn Farleigh, who now return to play the leads in the stage version. Whitehead has had to change and rewrite it extensively to enable it to make the transition from screen to stage.

The cast has shrunk from about 50 to just four which gives Whitebead the chance to concentrate more on the play's theme, and the scenes which were filmed in Liverpool's dockland area for television are now exchanged for two sets, designed by Poppy Mitchell. Ted Whitehead was born in

Liverpool, educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, and had a variety of jobs including labouring, selling, teaching and advertising before becoming full-time writer in 1971. He spent some time as writer-inresidence at the Royal Court subversive and still powerfully Theatre. His other plays include persuasive on the thems of

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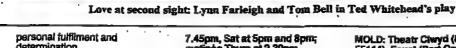
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France. He pointed his camera at whatever interested him and saw

More recently he has worked nightmare journey through The Dance of Death, which nervous breakdown and back. opened at the Oxford Playhouse That is the story line on February 1, and he is now explored in Ted Whitehead's completing a play called A play The Man Who Fell in Love Conversation with the Blade. with his Wife, which opens at taken from a fencing term, for H. M. Tennant; it is expected to be staged later this year. Tom Bell has divided his time

between the theatre, including Travesties for the Royal Shakespeare Company, films such as The L-Shaped Room and Royal Flash, and television, where he recently appeared in Reilly Ace of Spies. Lynn Farleigh has acted with the RSC and the National Theatre and her many television appearances include Sex and Kinship, again with

Christopher Warman The Man Who Fall In Love with his. Wife previews at the Lyric Studio (741 2311) today at 8pm, and opens Mon at 7pm. Then Mon-Sat at 8pm until Mar 24.



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Stephen Wyatt has revised Harvey's adaptation of Greene's thriller first performed on stage in 1943. Simon Dumore directs.

7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm; matinee Thurs at 2.30pm Wendy Hiller, Vanessa Redgrave, Christopher Reeve, directed by Frith Banbury. Transfers to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in

LEEDS; Playhouse (0532 442111). Trafford Tanzi by Claire Luckham Until Mar 17, Wed-Sat at 7,30pm, Mon and Tues at 8cm Chris Bond, director of the original West End production, is again in charge of this play which stages a literal battle of the sexes.

LEICESTER: Haymarket Studio (0533 539797). The Great Celestial Cow by Sue Townsend. Until Mar 3, Mon-Thurs at 7.45pm; Fri and Sat at 8.15pm Based on research and workshops in Leicester's Asian community,

this new play is the story of a girl's travels from Gujarat to Leicester. Directed by Carol Hayman, it is to tour before a season at the Royal Court. Presented by Joint Stock as their tenth-anniversary production. MANCHESTER: Library (061 238 7110). Working Class Hero by Bob Mason. Until Mar 17, Tues-Sat at

7.30pm Northern premiers production of a play centred on the St Peter's Fields massacre of 1819, when a crowd of 50,000 unarmed men and women were forcibly dispersed by the yeoman cavalry. Howard Lloyddirects a cast including Tracle Bennett, Michael Barrett,

drama of temptation and choice.

performances today at 2pm and 7,15pm John Caird directs Daniel Massey, Emrys Jones, Gemma Jones, Zoe Wanamaker, Miles Anderson.

repertory Adrian Noble directs Paul Greenwood, Peter McEnery, Richard O'Callaghan, Jane Booker,

Cuthbertson, Marius Goring, Ian Targett, directed by Jeremy Sinden In a Library Theatre Manchester production of this perenially popular drama. WORTHING: Connaught (0903 35333). On Golden Pond by Emest Thompson, Until Mar 3, Mon-Thurs et 7.45pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinées Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at

British stage premiere of the play about relationships across the generation gap.

Critics' choice

THE BIKO INQUEST

custody is the first fruit of a new

British actors company including

Albert Finney (as the questioning counsel), Michael Gough, Michael

Aldridge and Edward Hardwicke.

THE CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY

Cusack with two splendidly extravagant roles.

GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS

Keith takes to the leading lady's part as though to the bad manners.

PETERBOROUGH: Key (0733

7,30pm, Fri at 6pm and 9pm, 5

at 5pm and 8pm; matinées Wed and Thurs at 2.30pm Tony Clayton directs a full-scale revival of this very popular rock

WINDSOR: Theatre Royal (95 53888), A Sting in the Tale by

8pm; matinées Thurs et 2.30pm, Sat at 4.45pm

Murder mystery by two popular television writers. Jack Douglas

S663). The Winslow Boy by Terence Rattigan. Until Mar 17, Tues-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm; matinees Wed at

Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner, Until Mar 10, Mon

and Richard Kay head cast.

2.30pm Stephanie Turner, Allan

HAY FEVER

Riverside Studios (748 3354)
Until Mar 4, Yues-Sun at 8pm
This cool and scrupulously staged version of the investigation following the black South African leader Steve Biko's death in MASTER CLASS Old Vic (928 7617)
Final performances today at 4pm and 7.45pm. Transfers to Wyndham's Theatre (836 3028) from Tues, for a six-week season, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm Stalin's 1948 pressure session with composers Prokofley and Shostakovich gives David Pownali The Pit (628 6795/638 8891)
Today at 2pm and 7.30pm, Mon at 7.30pm. In repertory with Lear by Edward Bond (Tues-Thurs at 7.30pm) and Tartuffe by Motiere the setting for an alarming yet sometimes horribly funny drama, full of food for thought on art and politics and the relation between them. Timothy West's fearsome Statin is a complex study on the

(Fri at 7.30pm)
Taking a rare Jacobean comedy as its starting point, Nicholas Wright's tale of innocent and fleshly love in turn-of-the-century Transveal has a. Barbican (628 8795/8891) highly original flavour and provides Sara Kestelman and Sinead Today at 2pm and 7.30pm, Mon at 7.30pm. in repertory with Much Ado About Nothing and Cyrana de Bergerac by Edmund Rostand (Fri

grand scale.

Stretching from 1945 to the present, David Edgar's vast chronicle play probes the British Left's loss of direction and watches two characters changing postical Cottesion (928 2252) Today at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, Fri at 7.30pm. in repertory with Strider

- The Story of a Horse by Mark
Rozovsky (Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm) David Mamet's menacing account colour from red to blue. Long, often of the shark-eat-sprat workd of US real estate salesmen has a difficult and verbose for non-eficionados of socialist theory; but ambitious, complex and dramatically challenging at its best. With Antony Sher, John Sharpnel and Bob Peck. resonance that spreads wide: a cast including Jack Shepherd and Tony Haygarth in top form. HAY FEVER
Queen's (734 1165)
Until April 14, Mon-Fri at 7,30pm,
Sat at 5pm and 8,15pm; matinées:
Wed at 3pm
Noël Coward's 1920s comedy
shout a theatrical family and their
mixed bag of persecuted house
guests remains hilarious after any
number of ravivals, and Penelope
Keith takes in the learting lady's

**MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Barbican (628 8795/638 8891) Tues-Thurs at 7.30pm; matinee Thurs at 2pm. In repertory with Maydays and Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Restand (Fri at 7.30pm) Absolutely not to be missed, Terry Hand's production is a sheer delight and the outstanding success of the Royal Sha Company's current Barbican

Reason. Derek Jacobi and Sinead Cusack make a Benedick and Beatrice of exceptional wit,' intelligence and charm.

NIGHTSHADE King's Head (226 1916) Final performance today at 7.45pm (dinner from 6.45pm) Stewart Parker's likable surreal sewart rarker s ukadie surrear comedy makes something fulling, touching and intellectually rich from some highly original elements; the private sorrow of an undertaker who does conjuring tricks, a harm disappearing woman, a frustrated headmistress, a waggish bishop and a talking corpse. With Julian Curry and the drily outrageous Deborah Norton.

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NOISES OFF Savoy (836 5888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm After two years in London, Michael Frayn's farce of backstage mishaps and misbehaviour during a itly rep-fodder sex comedy i still wildly funny. Amanda Barrie excels herself as the veteran character charlady and several newcomers make a bright showing in a production that gets slicker with each change of cast.

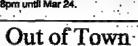
PACK OF LIES Lyric (437 3686) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinees Wed at 3pm Hugh Whitemore's powerful study of a decent couple whose quiet suburban life is destroyed by a Kroger-style spy case. Judi Danch and Michael Williams find impressively tragic performances in the most humdrum

Lyric, Hammersmith (741 2311) Until Mar 10, Mon-Sat at 7,45pm; natinees Thurs at 2.30pm, Sat at 4pm First seen at Hammersmith two years ago, Michael Wilcox's play (now directed by William Gaskii) ooks at part-time rent boys in

Edinburgh and their friends, and finds material for a play full of understanding, charm and raw wit. THE RIVALS Olivier (928 2252) Offiver (928 2252)
Tues at 7.15pm, Wed at 2pm and
7.15pm. In repertory with Jean
Seberg by Marvin Hamilisch.
Christopher Adler, Julian Barry
(today at 2pm and 7.15pm, Morrat
7.15pm) and Tales from Hollywood
by Christopher Hampton (Thura
and Fri at 7.15pm)
Pater Wood's sperfing reviews of Peter Wood's sparking revival of Sheridan has Geraldine McEway as a young but hilariously affected Mrs Malaprop, and Sir Michael

Hordem gouty and trascible as Sir Anthony Absolute.

YOU CAN'T TAKE WITH YOU Lyttleton (928 2252) Fri at 7.45pm. In repertory with Master Harold . . . and the Boys by Athol Fugard (today at 2.30pm and 7.30pm) Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm) Once again the National strikes gold in America, this time with Kaufman and Hart's endearing 1938 cornects about a family of 1936 comedy about a family of happy eccentrics. Jimmy Jewell as the genial, drop-out grandpa, Geraldine McEwan as dotty, authoress mother, Gaye Brown as alcoholic actress and Margaret Courtenay as a Russian grandeo q-turned waitress combine in a dorlously funny, subversive hymn.



BELFAST: Lyric Players (0232 660081), Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee. Until Mar 10, Mon-Sat

Pleasing account of growing up in a BIRMINGHAM: Repertory Theatre (021 236 4455). One for the Road by Willy Russell. Preview today at 7,30pm. Opens Mon at 7,30pm. Until Mar 31, Mon-Fri at 7,30pm;

Set at 8pm; matinées Trurs et. 2.30pm, Sat at 4pm Willy Russell has revised and adapted his comedy and set it in Birmingham: housing estates, vandatism and growing into middle **BRIGHTON: Theatre Royal (0273** 

28488), Look, No Hansi by John Chapman and Michael Pertwee. Opens Mon at 7.45pm, Until Mar 3, Mon-Thurs at 7.45pm, Fri at 8.15pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matines Thurs at 2.30pm Pre-West End run for a new comedy starring David Jason, Paul Rogers and Gabrielle Drake in the story of an unwilling, accidentprone secret agent.

BRISTOL: New Vic (0272 24388). A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen. Until Mar 10, Mon-Wed (not Mar 5) at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm New production of an ibsen play regarded by his contemporaries as

Oxfam by many well-known

photographers. All prints will be

auctioned on March 3 at 1pm and

the proceeds will go to support health projects in Central America.

An opportunity to acquire photographs by Cartier-Bresson, James Jarche, Bert Hart.

Stills Gasery, 58 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140). In two ports until March 17, Tues-Sat 12.30-Spm Part 1, until Mar 2, shows how Whiteward of the large

sketches, diagrams and contact sheets. Part 2 exhibits the finished

works, views of St Andrews Cathedral and of the quarry from

show with overtones of Joseph Wright of Derby, a source which is freely acknowledged.

National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (930 1552). Until Apr 8, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Set 10am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm. Admission 50p, students and pensioners 25p

Seventy-fifth birthday show of portrait photographs by Yousuf

Karsh, whose professed aim has

the camera. The rich and famous,

allowed to present anything other than their public faces in contrived and formal elegance. It is a formula

that makes one feel that Karsh has only ever taken one photograph; however, his popularity endures.

Impressions Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York (0904 54724). Until Mar 24, Tues-Sat 10am-8pm

New work by Victor Burgin, whose conceptual explorations continue to blur the distinction between art

and photography. Here he takes as his starting point that moment in

Hiltchcock's Vertigo when Madeleine throws herself into San Francisco Bay. Burgin's relentless demands on the viewer make him

one of the most difficult but sometimes most rewarding artists

to come to terms with.

THE BRIDGE

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en to capture greatness through

which the cathedral stone was excavated. An overtly didactic

KARSH OF DITAWA

Wainwright arrived at his large composite photographs with

Humphrey Spender and many

CHRIS WAINWRIGHT

CAMBRIDGE; Arts (0223 352000). today at 4.30pm and 8pm Rodney Bewes, Joanna Dunham, Ruth Mayo, Prunella Gee and Bruce Montague in a new play, en route for the West End. Charles

set in Tsarist Russia. COVENTRY: Beigrade (0203 20205). Brighton Rock by Frank Harvey from the novel by Graham Greens. Until Mar 10, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matines Wed at 2.30pm

CROYDON: Ashcroft (688 9291) Steaming by Nell Dunn. Opens Mon at 7.45pm. Until Max 3, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinée Wed at 2.30pm Award-winning comedy, set in a municipal baths on ladies' day; now on tour. Anna Karen and Penelope Homer head the cast.

**GUILDFORD: Yvonne Arnaud** (0483 60191). The Aspern Papers by Michael Redgrave from Henry James. Until Mar 3, Mon-Fri at MOLD: Theatr Clwyd (0352 55114), Faust (Part One) by Goethe, Until Mar 10, Mon-Sat at Resident company, directed by George Roman, in the classic

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Theatre Royal (0632 322061). RSC Season, Twelfth Night, Final

The Comedy of Errors. Tues-Fri at 7.15pm; matinée Thurs at 2pm. in

Joseph O'Connor. Gulbenkian Studio (0632 329974). Life's a Dream by Calderon de la Barca. Opens Mon at 7.15pm, Mon-Fri at 7.15pm; matinee Thurs at 2pm. In repertor John Barton and Adrian Mitchell's adaptation of a seventeenth-century Spanish play, with Miles Anderson, Barbara Kellermann, Charles Kay.

OLDHAM: Coliseum (061 624 2829). Mary Hepton's Heaven by Glyn Hughes. Until Mar 3, Tues-Sat et 7.30pm The impact of Methodist preachers on the weavers of late-eighteenth-century Haworth. From Hughes's novel Whare I Used to Play on the



Holding on: Ruth Maye in Relative Strangers (Cambridge)

#### **PREVIEW** Galleries



IMAGE OF THE WEEK: Portrait of his mother by Rodchenko, 1924 (see The Photogallery)

Dance

THE KESSLER BEQUEST Tate Gallery, Milliank, London
SW1 (621 1313). Until Apr 29,
Mon-Sat 10sm-Spm, Sam 2-Spm
When Mrs A. F. Kessler died lest
year at the age of 93, she left the
Tate Gallery, one of the most important groups of fineteenth and twentieth-century foreign paintings if has received since the war. Her

family were triends and patrons of Duty, and the bequest includes four major paintings by him; also on show are a fine Degas pastel, two late Renor oils, a Lautrec of a woman on horseback, and significant works by Picasso,

Matisse and Modigilani. JOHN HUBBARD Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (839 3942). 5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm The recent works of this Americanborn painter, long resident in England, continue the line of abstracted landscapes he has made peculiarly his own: large oils on canvas and smaller works on paper which evoke the feelings of light and space in Dorset or (this time) the area around Vaucluse, in delicate veils and flurries of exquisite colour. Also included are his designs for the Royal Ballet's Midsummer last year.

THREE BRITISH MUSEUM SHOWS Paintings and Drawings Gallery, British Museum, London WC1 (636 1555). Until Apr 29, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 2.30-6pm Elchings by Rembrandt depicting scenes from the Passion are shown with some of his more unusual etchings of contemporary characters in Amsterdam. Drawings by Claude Lorrain. Carraci and others reflect the influence of landscape on Italian schools of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. And an anonymous private collector has lent a selection of his Germa drawings, including works by Durer, Baldung and Schonhauer.

THE CITY'S PICTURES Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (638 4141). Tues-Sat 10am-7pm, Sur noon-Spm
A sami-permanent display of painting and sculpture belonging to the Corporation of London is on show for the rest of the year. Many

#### Critics' choice

of the 70 or so works are wellknown Pre-Rephaelite paintings, including Leighton's The Music Lesson, Holman Hunt's The Eve of St Agnee and Millais's My First Sermon and My Second Sermon There is also a room of Matthew Smith oil-paintings and a selection of photogravures by Edward

DEREK JARMAN
ICA, The Mell, London SW1
[830 3647]. Exhibition until March
16, Tues-Sun 12-Sun. Films and
video until temorrow, Wed-Sun
6.30pm and 8.30pm
One of the most versatile of modem British artists, Derek Jarman is a painter, theatre and film designer, writer and, most prominently of late, a film-maker. The ICA's representation of his work takes in his recent paint and a broader spread of his work in films, including his own features Sebastiane, Jubilee and The Tempest, and various 18mm shorts, as well as videos and films just designed by him.

Main and terrace fovers, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2033). Until Mar 24, Mon-Sat 10em-11pm Probably best remembered for his regular caricatures of film personalities in *Punch* between personalities in *Punch* between 1948 and his death in 1961, Robert Stewart Sherriffs first achieved fame in the 1920s when he illustrated a series of barbed impressions of current calebrities by Beverley Nichols in *The Sketch*, His crisp and economical line probably owed something to his early training as an heraldic artist. but his sense of character was all his own.

SHERRIFFS

THE OMEGA WORKSHOPS Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Piace, Lower Regent Sire-L, London SW1 (930 4811). Until Mar 18, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm,

and 23 Dering Street, London W1 (499 4695). Until Mar 6, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Set 10am-1pm Two matching shows commemorate the Bloomsburg. Group's largest single contribution to the visual arts in Britain. The artist-decorators involved were led by Roger Fry and included Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell, Gaudier Brzeska and Wyndham Lewis. Their highly coloured products included furnishing and decoration of all kinds, some of it now quality period and some amazingly \_\_\_\_\_\_

TWENTIETH-CENTURY PORTRAITS National Portrait Gallery, Lendon WC2 (930 1552). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Set 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm

The National Portrait Gallery's new display of famous people who have contributed to the character and development of the past 89 years. They include William Roberts's double portrait of John Maynard Keynes and his wife Lydia Lopokova; Ben Nicholson's selfportrait with Barbara Hepworth; and Bryan Organ's portrait of the Prince of Wales. LIGHT DIMENSIONS

CRAIT DIMENSIONS
Science Museum, Exhibition
Road, London SW7 (589 3455)
Until Mar 4, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm,
Sun 2.30-6pm
Exhibition on the evolution of exhibition of the evolution of tholography, the creation by laser of three-dimensional images which enables objects to float in space. It was invented 36 years ago by Denis Gabor but only now is its potential starting to be realized. As well as having important commercial and industrial application, it may be said to constitute a new art form

Theatre: Irving Wardle and Anthony Masters; Galleries: John Russell Taylor; Photo-graphy: Michael Young; Dance: John Percival

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# VENETIAN GLASS EXHIBITION

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#### ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1066). Tues, Thurs, Fri at 7.30pm MacMillan s new Dilierent Drummer is repeated Tues, when Lesley Collier (back from an injury) is due to dance Song of the Earth; Atternoon of a Faun completes the bill. Jay Jokey's first Colas should be the highlight of La Fille mal gardée (Trurs). Bryony Brind and Derek Deane head the cast of Swan Lake (Fn).

MANTIS The Place (387 0031). Tonight at 8pm. Woolwich Albany Empire (691 3333) Wed at 8pm. Rochampton Institute, SW15 (876 2242). Thurs at 7.30pm This ambitious small company is giving new works by Michael Clark. Matthew Hawkers and founder-

director Micha Bergese.

BALLET RAMBERT York, Royal (0904 23568). Today at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Leicestor, Haymarket (0533 539797). Tues to Mar 3 at 7.30pm. matinée Set at 2.30pm Christopher Bruce's new intimate Pages is given tonight and Tues-Thurs; Robert North's new Entre dos Aguas also tonight and next Fn and Sat.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555). Liverpool Emptre (051 709 1555).
Tonight at 7.30pm.
Oxford, Apollo (0865 244544).
Tues to Mar 3 ct 7.30pm
Siothan Davies's latest creation,
New Galileo, is in the bill tonight
and Thurs-Sat; Robert Cohan's
Common Land, to Bach music,
Tipes and Ward, Oxford instrons Tues and Wed. Oxford patrons have a special one-for-one offer of cut-price tickets for Extemporary Dance Theatre at the Playhouse,

SCOTTISH BALLET Special week in Edinburgh, Mon to Mar 4 Aiming for new audiences, Scottish Ballet present Divertimenti at Belford Dance Centre, Douglas Gardens, Mon and Tues, a programme of new works by company members at the Little Lyceum, Wed and Thurs; Turkish Delight at the Traverse, Frl and Sat; and a gala Tribute to Anton Dolin and John Gilpin at the Royal Lyceum on Mar 4. All at 7.30pm.

KATHAK DANCE Shaw (388 7727). Tomorrow at 7.30pm As part of a World Arts Season, a company of dancers and singers from northern India perform one night only in London, Their tour, lasting from today until Mar 9, also takes in Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Nottingham, Coventry, Darlington and Bradford.



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#### **PREVIEW** Films

# Heroes survive the silliness of the American circus

"Laurel and Hardy in space", that make a person accept huge snorted Senator John Glenn risks as routine, that makes one when shown an early draft act heroically without actually script for The Right Stuff, a being a hero. sumptuous, epic screen version of Tom Wolfe's best-selling novel about American space pianeers (Glenn included). Since becoming a front-line candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Glenn's comments have been far more guarded

("No comment", for instance). United States last November, amid much ballyhoo (a gala premiere in Washington, confootage, Kanfunan's team piled stant coverage in the media), but the precise effect of John Glenn the movie astronaut on John Public, the voter, remains difficult to determine. Judging by the senator's poor showing in the Iowa cancus this week, the film has hardly helped him.

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At all events The Right Stuff's mingling of politics, Hollywood and the media - "The American circus at work", as writer-director Philip Kaufman called it in the magazine American Film— is particularly topical as the famlare for the 1984 presidential elections gathers volume. But what exactly is the "right stuff" displayed by Glenn, Chuck Yeager, Alan Shepard, Cordon Cooper, Gus Grisson and the other pioneers? For Wolfe, it is that personal quality

In Kanfman's words: "They were heroes in spite of the media circus that followed the panic of Sputnik. The need to fabricate a public image actually endangered their heroic qual-

American institutions, such The film was launched in the as NASA, were nevertheless up 500,000 feet of pre-existing film, and matched old images to new material with a dexterity recalling Woody Allen's comedy Zeig. Kaufman also used the services of the experimental film-maker Jordan Belson, who furnished background plates depicting star-strewn skies and endless, unfathomable space.

> Chuck Yeager, who broke the sound barrier in 1947, served as technical adviser. He also pops up in a cameo role, proffe another kind of "right stuff" he plays a barman.

The Right Stuff (cert PG) opens in London on Fri at the Warner West End (439 0751) and ABC Fulham Road (370 2636).

Geoff Brown





A star is horne: Ed Harris plays John Glenz (left and centre right) in The Right Stuff

#### Critics' choice THE BIG CHILL (15) Cinecenta Panton Street

Classic Oxford Street (836 0310) Odeon Kensington (602 6644) Warner West End (439 0791) American writer-director Lawrence Kasdan's second feature after the acclaimed thriller Body Heat Former students from the 1960s gather at a funeral and survey the effects of time. A comic collage of human behaviour; with Tom Berenger, Glenn Close, Jeff Goldblum, William Hurt.

CAN SHE BAKE A CHERRY PIE? (15) Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148)

ssed, divorced health addict meets a neurotile. abandoned wife on a Manhattan sidewalk; they enjoy a fraught romance. This could only be the work of director Henry Jaglom, the wayward American independent who struck comic gold with the low-budget, semi-improvised Sitting Ducks. A marvellous exploration of human relationships, true and tender, and radiantly droll. FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15) Chelses Chems (351 3742) Ingmar Bergman's amazing evocation of life, joys and terrors. staged with exceptional opulence, beauty and lightness of touch. Traditional Bergman themes are defity woven into the mixed fortunes of a Swedish family living early in the century.

FIRST NAME CARMEN (18). Camden Plaza (485 2443) Jean-Luc Gedard takes elements from the Carmen story and the American gangster film genra and intercuts them with rehearsals of Beethoven quartets. As usual with Godard, it is a many-layered piece, easier to describe than to interpret: it won the Golden Lion at Venice but the critics have been less

THE HONORARY CONSUL (18) Classic Haymaricet (839 1527) Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148) Studio Oxford Circus (437 3300) Adaptation of Graham Greene's novel with Michael Caine both comic and touching as the disreputable and boozy title character and Richard Gere as Dr Plarr. Directed by John Mackenzie, with Bob Hoskins.... LIANNA (16) Classic Chelses (352 5096) Cinecenta Panton Street (930 0631) Screen on Baker Street (935 2772) Screen on the Hill (435 3366)

A married woman drifts into a testian relationship with her nightschool teacher - a situation presented by American writer-director John Sayles with tact, wit and clever use of modest resources, Marvellous lead performances from Linda Griffiths, Jane Hailaren and Jon DeVries. REAR WINDOW (PG)
Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234)
One of Hitchcock's most audacious thrillers returns to public prominence after years in imbo. James Stewart stars as the photographer who locates a nasty murder in his telephoto lens white nursing a broken leg. Made in 1954, with Grace Kelly, Wendell Corey, Thelma Ritter, Raymond

RUMBLE FISH (18) Lumiere (838 0691)
Francis Coppola's latest film defies all categories: a black and white. fantasy about youthful hopes and allenation, shot with-determined poetic intent and meshed with a riveting rhythmic score by Stewart

Copeland (from the rock group The Police). Featured players Matt Dillon and Mickey Rourke and surreal compositions, Based on a novel by S. E. Hinton. STAR 80 (18)

ABC Fulham Road (370 2636) Classic Haymarket (838 1527)
Gete Bloomsbury (837 1177)
Bob Fosse's biography of a
doomed Playboy pin-up and starlet,
Dorothy Stratten, falls too promptly
Into unadulterated cliches, although the seedler side of show business is explored with relish. Eric Roberts (as the murderous husband) offers a striking portrait of untinged mediocrity; Mariel Hemingway as the starlet copes well with a passive role.

STARSTRUCK (PG)
Gate Bloomsbury (837 1177/8402)
Cheerful, Australian, punk-tinged
musical, bubbling with optimism,
friendly characters and warm local atmosphere; a marked change of style for director Gillian Armstrong, best known for the pedigree charms of My Britlant Career. Ross O'Donovan stars as the Sydney teenager determined to push his cousin (Jo Kennedy) into show business.

UNDER FIRE (15) Leicester Square Theatre (930 5252) Classic Chalses (352 5096) Odeon Kensington (802 6644) Three journalists covering the caraguan revolution in 1979 find their personal and professional their personal and professional allegiances pushed to breaking point. An old Hollywood pict rattles about in Roger Spottiswoode's thriller like old dried peas in a gleaming new pod. But the action is excitingly staged, and Spottiswoode finds good use for Nick Notte's monolithic presence.

Hackman co-star. VASSA (PG) Academy 2, Oxford Street (437 5129) Gleb Panfilov has considerably expanded Gorky's play about a matriarch who stops at nothing to preserve her family business. He moves the action to immediately before the First World War, makes the matriarch Vassa more acute and sophisticated and attempts a deeper analysis of the bourgeois class than Gorky did.

Joanna Cassidy and Gene

The information in this column was correct at the time of going to press, Lude changes are often made and it is advisable to check, using

# Sniffing behind the neon lights

destruction of human lives in

the most cynical manner. The title of the film is horribly

actors, Mackendrick gets mar-

vellous performances from his

leading men. Lancaster has

rarely been more effective.

while for Curtis the film offered

the first real opportunity for

serious acting after years of

pin-up,

cinema's loss.

Always adept at handling

in the United States but brought up in Glasgow, was one of several young directors who emerged at Ealing Studios during the great days under Sir-Michael Balcon and he was ironic. arguably the most talented.

His films, which included Whisky Galore, The Maggie, The Man in the White Suit and The Ladykillers, were sharper and less comfortable than the run of Ealing comedies and displayed a more individual style. He was never content simply to amuse.

Compare the easy-going humour of Passport to Pimlico with The Man in the White Suit, which uses a comedy format to raise profound ques-tions about the survival of a textile firm and its workforce when someone invents a fabric that will not wear out.

Even The Ladykillers, though whimsical enough on the surface with its sweet old lady and Jack Warner's Dixon-like copper, has its darker side and is completely different in tone from the amiable capers of Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway in The Lavender Hill Mob.

After making The Lady-killers, Mackendrick left Ealing for the United States where in 1957 he directed his finest film, Sweet Smell of Success (showing on BBC1, Friday, 10.50pm-12-30am). This was very far from being a comedy and some observers saw an abrupt change of direction: to do so, however, was to misread Mackendrick's Ealing work.

Sweet Smell of Sucess takes a scathing look at the corruption of power and reveals a sour underside of the American dream. More successfully than John Schlesinger in Midnight Cowboy, which looks contrived by comparison, Mackendrick brilliantly captures that grubby segment of New York that lies behind the neon lights.

With a crackling script by Clifford Odets and Ernest Lehmann (based on Lehmann's novel), the film is about a vicious gossip columnist, played by Burt Lancaster, who makes use of a toadying press agent (Tony Curtis) to break up his sister's romance with a jazz musician.

mising, involving bribery, smear campaigns, the planting of false evidence and reliance on a corrupt detective. The purpose is nothing less than the

COVENT GARDEN

The methods are uncompro-

Films on TV

Rage in Heaven (1941): Effective star melograma with Robert Montgomery plotting the death of Mongomery protting the dearn of his wife (Ingrid Bergman) to implicate her supposed lover (George Sanders) (Charinel 4, today, 2.20-4pm). The Iron Mask (1929): Douglas Fairbanks senior as Dumas's d'Artagnan, swashbuckling to the rescre of the prince of Engages.

rescue of the prince of France; a specially tinted version with plano soundtrack (BBC2, today, 3.10-

Soundrate (DBOZ, WAR, STAR A.30pm).
The Mask of Dimitrios (1944):
Peter Lorre and Sydney
Greenstreet in an atmospheric
rendering of Eric Ambler's thriller being typecast as a muscular Sweet Smell of Success made about the quest for a mysterious little impact on either critics or international criminal (Channel 4, today, 11.45pm-1.30am).

My Brilliant Career (1979)\*. Gillian: Armstrong's careful study of a young girl's ambition, set in the Australian outback at the turn of the century, which made a star of the public when it was first released, but it now stands as one of the finest films made in, and about America in the 1950s, Sadly, Mackendrick never approached its heights

the century, which made a star of Judy Davis ((BBC2, tomorrow, 10.20-midnight). Rancho Notorious (1952): Arthur A tough and uncompromis-Rancho Notorious (1952): Arthur Kennedy avenging his fiance's murder in Fritz Lang's bizarre; claustrophobic Western, with a punchy performance from Marlens Dietrich (BBC2, Wed, 5.40-7.05pm). The Four Just Men (1939): Hugh Sincleir, Griffith Jones and Prancis L, Sullivan in a lively version of the Edgar Wallace thriller, directed by Walter Forde who died recently: (Channel 4, Fri, 11.15pm-12.50am). ing character who did not endear himself to the captains of the film industry, he managed to direct only three more films, spread over a period of 10 years, before taking up the post of dean of the film department at the California Institute of the Arts. His students' gain was the

Peter Waymark First British talevision showing



#### Smelling success: Mackendrick and Lancaster

#### Concerts

83 HALLELUJAHS Today, 7.30pm, Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Rosslyn Hill, London NW3 Christopher Fox's 83 Hallelujahs. receives its world premiere from Singcircle. They also give the London premiere of a new version of Harvey's Come, and perform Belk's At this Point and Denis

Smalley's Pneuma. HAYDN'S BIRD Today, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall, 36 Vigmore Street, London W1 (935 Viginore Street, Lordon w 1 (335) 2141, credit cards 830 9232) On "classical" instruments the Fitzwilliam Quartet plays Haydn's Quartet Op 33 No 3 "The Bird". On modern instruments they offer Webern's Bagatelles Op 9, and Moray Welsh joins them as second

cellist in Schubert's Quintet D 956. TSAR SALTAN Today, 7.30pm, St John's, Smith Spuare, London SW1 (222 1061) Conducted by Howard Williams, the Ernest Read Symphony Orchestra plays Rimsky-Korsakov's delightful Tsar Saltan Suite, Anne-Marie Owens sings in Ravel's still more exotic Sheherazade. Elgar's Symphony

No 2 makes a powerful conclusion. BRENDEL SCHUBERT Tomorrow, 3.15pm, Festival Haff, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 6544) Alfred Brendel interprets three major Schubert piano sonatas, the A minor D 784, the surpassingly lovely "Reliquie" D 840, and the last one, in B flat D 960. LISZT RARITIES

Tomorrow, 3.30pm, Wigmore Hall Winner of the Liszt Competition at

Juilliard, Philip Thomson plays some little-heard items by that composer, including Pensées des Mort and In Festo Transfigurationis; also his Deux Légendes, Nuages Gris and Funérailles. He also performs Ravel's Gaspard de la Nuit and

AMICI/HORSLEY Tomorrow, 6.30pm, Convey Hall, Red Llon Square, London WC1

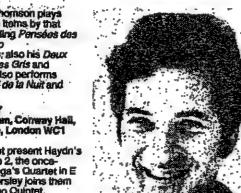
(242 8032)
The Amid Quartet present Haydn's Quartet Op 77 No 2, the once-fashionable Arriaga's Quartet in E flat, and Colin Horsley joins them for Dvorak's Piano Quintet.

**EARLY BRIDGE** Tomorrow, 7pm, Puscell Room, South Benk, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 6544) Piers Lane and the London Lyric Quartet combine for Frank Bridge's unashamediy romantic Piano Quintet. They also play Mozart's Piano Quartet K 478 and Haydn's F minor Quartet Op 42.

LARCH TREES Tomorrow, 7pm, Guildheil School of Music, Silk Street, London EC2 (082 582 348) Malcolm Arnold's early Larch Trees

are unearthed by the London Repertoire Orchestra under Ruth Gipps. Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (soloist, Kuniko Nagata) and Richard Strauss's Tod Und Verklärung are.included as well.

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Full programmes: Pinchas Zukermann (Tues, Festival Hall) and Piers Lane (Tomorrow, Purcell Room)

Voice from Thei's Grave. **ENDELLION ANNIVERSARY** Mon, 7.30pm, Purceil Room The Endellion Quartet celebrate their fifth anniversary by playing Haydn's Quartet Op 74 No 1, Beethoven's Quarter Op 95, but spoll things by Including Britten's tedious Quartet No 2.

ARTEMON REGER Tues, 7.30pm, St John's The maligned Max Reger's delightfully summery Carinet Cuintet is placed by the Artemon Ensemble between Brahms's Plano Quintet and Schubert's "Trout" Quintet.

> ZUKERMAN/NEIKRÜG Tues, 7.30pm, Festival Hall Pinchas Zukerman and Marc Neikrug, a notable partnership have put together a rather odd



programme of violin and pienopiece by Cornelius Cardew titled items, including a Romance by Saint-Saëns, Tchaikovsky's Serenade Mélancolique, dances from Falla's La Vida Brave, Franck's Sonata, and a new piece, as yet unnamed, by Neikrug HUTCHISON/KEANEY

Tues, 7.30pm, Royal Scottish Academy of Music, St George's Place, Glasger (041 332 4101)
At one and two planos, Jean
Hutchison and Jack Keaney play
Debussy's Epigraphes Antiques,
Stravinsky's Concerto, Schubert's
Fininor Fantasy 0940, Rondo D 951 and Variations D 813.

> BHAKTI Tues, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 5544) Spectrum give the UK premieres of Harvey's Bhakti and Xenakis's

Akanthos. They also interpret the tatter's Dikhthas and Tetras: Earlier, at 6.30pm in the Queen gives a taik about Bhakti. OR SHALL WE DIE?

**PREVIEW Music** 

Tues, 7.45pm, Barbican Centre, S&k Street, London EC2 (628 8795. dit cards 538 8891) The LSO and London Symphony Chorus with various soloists present Michael Berkely's *Or Shall* We Die? and Delius's beautiful Songs of Farewell.

SUMMER GRASSES Wed 7.30pm, St John's Lontono play Richard Hughes's bucolic-sounding Summer Grasses, Avril Anderson's The Grass Harp and Vores's Five

REMEMBERING ESENIN Wed, 7.30pm, Purcell Room Timothy Hugh and lain Burnside perform Osborne's Remembering Escuin for cello and plano, Martinu's Rossini Variations, sonatas by Prokoflev and Schnittke, and Schumann's Adagio and Allegro.

WONDERFUL WIDOW # Thurs, 1.15pm, St John's
Creep into the crypt for Lown Blake
(cello, voice) and Peter Buckoke
(double bass) in Cage's Wonderful
Wildow and Dragonetti's Duo.

GWENNETH PRYOR Thrs., 7.45pm, Queen Efizabeth

Hati Gwenneth Pryor offers a varied programme including Mozart's Fantasy K 397, Beethoven's Plano Soneta Op 2 No 3, Chopin's Polonaise-Fantasy Op 61, some Debussy Preluces and L'Isle Joyeuse, and Prokofiev's Sonata No 3.

Centre, Stockton; Tues, York Arts

TEDDY EDWARDS Wed, Laadmill Arta Centre, Sheffield

A certified example of what they used to call a Soss Tenor, Edward was formed in the beloop crucible

TED NUGENT Wed, Hammersmith Odeon, London W6

only a competition to see who can be the loudest and the coarsest under the pretence of making music, then America's Ted Nugent apped the field years ago.

attempt at assembling a punk quartet. Nowadays they are critics' darlings, sithough not this one's: the vocal harmonies of Exene Carvanka and John Dos remind me

too dearly of Surrealistic Pillow.

This is their British debut.

**ACTUALITIES 2** Fri to Mar 4, The Place, 17 Dukes Road, Landon WC1 A three-night mini-festival

Tonight is the last chance to see Michael Hampe's production of Giordano's Andrea Chénier with José Carreres splendid in the title role, and Richard Armstrong conducting. In La Bohème, on Wed and next Sat, John Mauceri does ruccini proud in the pit, Hungarian soprano Ilona Tokody can be heard again as Mimi. Dennis O'Neill has taken over as her Rodolfo. (240 1066)

Three productions to choose from this week, with Elijah Moshinsky's new Mastersingers of Nuremberg (Tues and next Sat) towering over them all. He takes time and space to think through afresh Wagner's peradise lost and regained, ruled over by a quite outstanding Hans Sachs in Gwynne Howell, in a cast which includes Kenneth Woollam as Walther and Grahan Clark as David, Janice Calms's Eva and Alan Opie's Beckmesser stand out. Where Mastersingers takes time to digest, Patience (tonight and Thurs) tickles the palate, with John Cox's 15-year-old production freshly

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA

Hammond-Stroud as an everlasting Bunthome. Performances of another Coliseum revival, The Barber of Seville, fill out the week on Wed and Fri, with an engaging new cast led by Ann Murray and Donald Maxwell. (836 3161)

Opera

After Valkyrie, their second nev production for Cardiff, Lehár's Merry Widow, directed by Andrei Serban, takes to the stage in John Street on Tues and Thurs. Gyorgy Fischer conducts a cast which ncludes Suzanne Murphy, Kate Flowers, Thomas Allen and Thomas Hemsley. On Wed, Göran Järvefelt's tried and tested Magic

NEW SADLER'S WELLS The season of operate rolls on, with the return of Flotow's Martha on Mon, Wed and Fri, and in

hands old and new, it can be seen this afternoon and evening, on Tues and Thurs, and twice again next Sat. (278 8916.) OPERA 80

Now arrived at Stafford's Gatehouse Theatre (0785 54653), bringing their Japanese-style Cost ian tutte tonight. On Mon and Tues they are at Peterborough's Key Theatre (0753 52439) for the new Traviata and then Cosi, and they end the week at Ipswich Com Exchange (0473 215544)

LAST CHANCES Tonight is the last opportunity to see two frings productions:

Spohr's rarely performed Faust, presented by University College Opera at the Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London, WC1 (387 9629); and Opera Viva's The Return of Ulysses by Monteverdi,

Films: David Robinson and Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch: Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams

#### Rumble Fish bears all the hallmarks of a palpable cult success...

Mick Brown - THE SUNDAY TIMES MAGAZINE

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#### THOMPSON TWINS Tonight, Brighton Centre; tomorrow, Colston Hell, Bristol; Tues, St Austell Colliseum; Wed, Poole Arts Centre; Fri to Mar 4, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W5 (748 4081) Smash Hits gives their new album 2½ out of 10, which seems like

hopelessly over-the-top enthusiasm to me. MILLIE JACKSON Tonight and tomorrow, Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, ondon W1 (589 9562)

Two shows nightly round off a very successful visit; but what a pity that "I Feel Like Welking in the Rain" is not going to be a hit. DOLLAR BRAND Tonight, Mitchell Theatre, Glasgow, tomorrow, Aberdee Arts Centre, Mon, Bonar Hall,

The greatest exponent of "townships jazz" plays telepathic duets with Carlos Ward, the hugely underrated Panamanian

AL COHN Tonight, Tues and Wed, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (439 8722) inventive, swinging, mainstreammodern tenor-saxophonist from the memorable vintage that also produced Getz, Sims, Alien Eager and Brew Moore.

THOMAS DOLBY

Tonight, Newcastle City Hall; tomorrow, Birmingham Odson; Tues, Dominion, London W1; Wed, Rock City, Nottingham
Alone among contemporary
synth-rock exponents, there is more to Dolby trian meets the ear. DUDU PUKWANA Fonight, West End Arts Centre. rshot; tomorrow, Windsor

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#### Rock & Jazz

Centre; Wed, Corner House, Newcastle; Fri, Band on the Wall, Manchester The South African altoist, a veteran of Chris McGregor's Blue Notes and Brotherhood of Breath, takes

Zila, his own rumbustious outfit, on TINA TURNER Tonight, Lancaster University; tomorrow, Haven Theatre, Boston; Mon, Harrogate Conference

Centre; Tues, Manchester Apollo 1 am as pleased as anyone to see her back in the charts and storning the country, but can that version of "Help" just released as a single -really be from the same woman who sang "It's Gonna Work Out Fine"? Peter Sellers's comic rendering had more soul.

JOHN CALE Tomorrow, Lyceum Salircom, Wallington Street, London WC2 (835 3715) A swift return for the Welsh innovator and his new band, recipients of mild criticism from some quarters for their recent

Venue show.

MAGES OF BRAZIL

Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 Brazilian guitarist John Zaradin leads a septet including two distinguished veterans of British modern jazz: the saxophonist Don Rendell and the timed percussion expert Bill LeSage. I'd settle for a new series of Mahi Mulher from

Channel 4, myself. Wed, Glasgow University, Thurs, Middlesbrough Town Hall; Fri, York University, Some of the stuff on his new album. is twee (most of all the songs about Blake and the Bomb), but "Really Glad You Came" and "Inspiration" are up there with his very best. The hardest job will be to reproduce the funky richness of Michael McEvoy's arrangements on stage.

of Los Angeles's Central Avenue in the 1940s alongside such future stars as Art Farmer and Hampton

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Thurs, Marquee Club, 90 Wardour Street, London W1 When Hollywood caught on to the Sex Pistois a few years ago, X emerged as the West Coast's best

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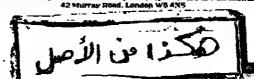
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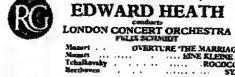
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I kicked my friend smartly on the shin, but need not have bothered. "Thanks, but not know someone who would. He's quite old, one of my mum's friends and he loves marbles," "Got a lot, has he?" said my friend, turning a quzzical eye in my direction. Yes, thousands", I said.

The conversation set me thinking about those of my friends who collect things. There's the one whose clocks are worth rather more than the Georgian house in which he lives; another whose cribbage boards would not be out of place in an antique dealer's shop; a third who spends more on the furnishings of her numerous doll's houses than she ever does on those in her

These are collectors proper people who will travel miles to an auction, scour the personal columns of newspapers, take

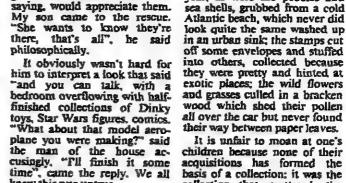
of another item to add to their

Similar to the collectors, but lacking their dedication and allconsuming enthusiam, are the hoarders, of whom I am reluctantly one. In my attic are stores of what I call memories and others call junk. Every year at about this time I determine to sort them out, but the piles get no smaller.
There is the box containing

my (better) school exercise books which I kept in the mistaken belief that they might one day be of some use to my children. There's the suitease crammed with dolls in various states of disarray.

Finishing models needs an uncommon virtue

Oh, the dolls! The other day I walked into my study to be confronted by all the faces that F had variously loved, hated, cuddled or battered staring accusingly down at me from a high shelf. Their names came back as fresh as on christening days - Rosie, Annabel, Bobby. Rupert. Blue Eyes, Topsy - and the years rolled back. "Please take them down", I said. "But they're a collection", replied my beloved. "There are some lovely dolls there, why not show them? Or give them away?"



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For one thing, finishing it requires patience, a virtue not too common among children; for another, it needs a certain dexterity that 10 still slightly chubby fingers, though willing and unusually agile, could not quite muster, and thirdly, and most important perhaps, the moment has passed.

Model aeroplanes were last year, as were the pebbles and sea shells, grubbed from a cold Atlantic beach, which never did look quite the same washed up in an urban sink: the stamps cut off some envelopes and stuffed into others, collected because

their way between paper leaves. It is unfair to moan at one's children because none of their acquisitions has formed the basis of a collection; it was the collecting that mattered, the moment. Yet it seems to be part of the parent's lot either to throw out those memories, unbidden, or sometimes to continue where the child left off (Which of us hasn't at some time found ourselves scrubbing

often silently enjoying ourselves in the process?)

Not all my collector friends can give rational explanations of why they had started and kept up their collections. The doll's house owner, for example, said her obsession infuriated her, "Perhaps it is because as a child I always wanted a proper doll's house and never had one - or because I can design and manipulate the miniature in a way that I never could in real life. Whatever it is, it fulfils some kind of need, it's having and holding something that is entirely one's own. As a child I had the interest but neither the money nor the know-how. This is a kind of compensation."

I know exactly what she means, which is why I shall try not to nag about all the neglected heaps that litter my house. One of them just may be the start of a collection.

Judy Froshaug



In a fix in The Secret of Nimb (see Outloss, right)

or the children may for a small fee make one medium or several small brass rubbings at the abbey. The necessary materials will be TINDERBOX TENTH BIRTHDAY

Otteen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1, (928 3641). Tomorrow, 3 pm, Tickets E1.50 → The popular company celebrates

10 years of antertaining children with music and stories from all over the globe at this concert, presented by David Moses.

THE SECRET OF NIMH
Junior NFT, South Bank, London
SE1 (928 3E42). Tomorrow, 4 pm.
Adults £2.20, children £1.16.
A film based on Robert C. O'Brien's prize-winning story about

#### Outings

the sea shells, finishing the

Meccano, or stitching up Action Man's torn safari suit - and

a super-intelligent colony of rats. It was made by breakaway artists from the Disney studios and the animation reflects this. Thrill-aminute stuff, directed by Don Bluth with Dolby stereo voices including those of Derek Jacobi and Hermione Baddeley.

VINTAGE CARS AND BICYCLES Nostell Priory, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Har 3 at 3pm; previewing Fri 10am-7pm. Admission by catalogue, £1.75 from the 1915 Maxwell 18/22hp and 1909 Sears Highwheeler Buggy to the penny farthings and twentieth century Paugeof Frereschild's bicyle, Sotheby's sale of veteran and vintage cars, bicycles and automobilla will be fascinating to anyone who loves old vehicles. Even if you cannot afford to bid

Even if you cannot afford to bid viewing alone should be fun.

PUBLIC OPENING OF THE COLLEGE OF ARMS College of Arms, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4 (248 2762). Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Free Children wishing to know what the college is and what goes on there may now find out. The Earl Marshal's Court is open as above; the Record Room has to be seen by special advance arrangement with the Registrar,

THE TRICKS THAT WENT WRONG Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (980 2415), Until Nov 30, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Free Just opened, an exhibition of paintings from the book *The Tricks That Went Wrong* by Phillida Gill (Andra Deutsch, 23.95) which is based on the collection of children's costumes housed in the museum. All the garments used and many of the original drawings and proofs are on display.

Bridge

# Failure at prize-giving spoils success in exams

three different cities. When surprisingly the answer was not immediately forthcoming. No matter, the waiting would only. enhance the expectation. Could it be a cruise, a krugerrand or perhaps a holiday in a land full

of eastern promise?
The reality was as exciting as a buff envelope from the Inland Revenue: £35 each in vouchers. Revenue: £35 each in voluntariants.

Since they had paid £9 each in Association. Many mave continued to the association's entry fees, the reward would tributed to the association's success, none more so than its about a Lederer. Every his most miserly.
"Never mind, Bobby", I said.

"It is a tribute to your skill that you should receive odds of less than 3-1 in a field of 225," When anyone complains of the smallness of the prizes, a section of the English Bridge

Union is ready with its stock

Bobby Franses and Jack Albu-gain. Were they so foolish, they querque won the Bank of Dubai would be repeatedly disen-Pairs by a wide margin from a chanted. Nevertheless, prizes field of 225 pairs, competing in for sponsored competitive events ought to be a fair they asked what the prize was, reflection of the skill and effort required to win them, and the sooner the EBU recognizes this and withholds its support from events where the prizes are derisory, the better the pros-pects of attracting new adher-

ents to the game. If I am sternly critical of the EBU's policy on prizes, I am full of praise for its Teachers' year the association holds exams to determine the candidates' fitness to teach bridge. As Rhoda Lederet rightly says: "Being a good bridge player is by no means synonymous with

The exams consist of a answer: "Bridge is an amateur written paper and an oral test, game, not designed for the acquisitive few."

In my experience, bridge incapable of imparting their players do not play duplicate for knowledge. In bridge, as with 2 Give brief reasons.

being a good teacher".

most games, sound groundwork
is invaluable. Instructors who four spades, with no opposition

B. 1 Win the diamond in band.
Draw two rounds of trumps. are ignorant of their subject or incapable of explaining it properly do more harm than good, which makes the associ-ation's work even more commendable.

Reasonable ways to plan the play

Here are two problems posed in last summer's Silver level A. You are South, the declarer is three no trumps, whith no opposition bidding.

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N W E \$

West leads the OQ, to which East follows. The trumps are

I How do you plan the play? 2 Give brief reasons.

West leads the ◆3, East plays the ◆Q.

I How do you plan the play?

\* AKJ62 V A5 0 A73 \* J52

split 2-2.

A. I Win the A. Cross to the VK and play a diamond, finessing the 09. 2 Declarer only needs five diamond tricks to fulfil his contract. He must place the accent on safety and prevent East from obtaining the lead and returning a spade. To ensure his contract, declarer must be prepared to lose an unnecessary but insignificant

trick to West.

ACROSS

13 Unadorned (5)

15 Not real (5)

·19 Chinese secret

24 Open sore (5)

Eternal (7)

DOWN

Play three rounds of hearts, ruffing in hand. Cash the OK, and exit with a diamond. 2 Declarer faces four potential losers, a diamond and three

clubs. Provided the defence is forced to open up the clubs, the Jxx opposite Qxx will ensure one trick. The elimination accomplishes this. Incidentally the proviso that the trumps break 2-2 is unnecessary, the recommended

line is equally effective if the trumps are 3-1. I do not "know" the answers, but if my solutions are wrong, I expect someone will tell me soon enough.

In addition to the exams for the Silver and Gold level certificates, the Teachers' Association offers a course outlining the special technique which any aspiring teacher should acquire. For details, contact: Mrs Rhoda Lederer, 5 Ellis Avenue, Chalfont St Peter. Buckinghamshire SL9 9UA.

Jeremy Flint

Chess

# International all-play-alls

International tournaments are a and the first all-play-all inter- event of which the nineteenth been London 1862 (it was won as it would also have been of the ahead of Louis Paulsen.) The latter event contained 14

players, 2 not unusual number last year, partly in Jakarta, then nowadays, as witness the great in Jogiakaria and finally in Bali, series of chess tournaments jointly sponsored by Phillips & Drew and the Greater London Council But, as the nineteenth century drew on, these tournsments became enormous events including an average of about 22 players, many of whom were genuine grandmasters. For example, Nuremburg 1883, won by Winawer, had 22 players and the same number took part at Hastings in 1895.

The appetite for such tournaments grew in the early 1900s but after the First World War tournaments thinned out, reaching a low with the Hastings series which had only 10 players. A development after the

Second World War was the rise of the great interzonal tournaments. They were used as a sort of climinatory process for world championship events, and I well remember playing in a tough interzonal event in Stockholm in 1952 that contained 22 players.

Nowadays the normal highest comparatively recent arrival on total of players is 16. The one the chess scene, although the interesting exception is the First game has been in existence for Lady's Cup International tour-fifteen hundred years. The first international tournament, held in Indonesia two years ago staged in London in 1851, was and had 26 players, 20 of whom held on the knockout system were grandmasters. It was an national would appear to have century would have been proud, by Adolf Anderssen, two points second one which contained 22 players and was held from

> Seventeen of the 22 players were grandmasters, making this a very strong tournament. It was won most deservedly by the young Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman who won !! games, drew nine and lost only one to the US grandmaster Henley. Timmaa scored 15½ points; second was the great Hungarian player Lajos Portisch, with 14; followed by Yussupov (USSR) 13½; Andersson (Sweden), Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) and Seirawan (USA) 13; Romani-shin (USSR) 12½; Henley (USA) and Torre (Philippines) 11/2 Adorjan (Hungary), Guna-

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wan (Indonesia) and Kurajica (Yugoslavia) 11; Lobron (West Germany) and Schmidt (Poland) 10%; Tarjan (USA) 10; Ardiansjah (Indonesia) and Kovacevic (Yugoslavia) 8%; Radulov (Bulgaria) 8; Adianto and Handoko (Indonesia) 7; Hulak (Yugoslavia) 61/2; and Miolo (Indonesia) 4.

A brevity from the Indone-

sian tournament in which the Philippine grandmaster Eugenio Torre is given a lesson in the manual arts of dexterity by a certain Handoko. White: Torre. Black: Edhi Handoko, Petroff Defence.

P-K4 2 H-KB3 N-KB3 P-G3 4 H-KB3 NeP SP-Q4 The safest and indeed the best line for White here is 5 Q-

5.... P-04 68-03 8-12 70-0 8-108 88-10 H-083 87-83 P-84 19 B-085 A waste of a move that hands the initiative over to Black Better was 10 Q-N3. 10.... 0-0 11 B-K84 12 Bx8 Qx8 13 Q-C3 More waste of time. Since

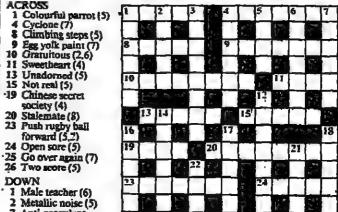
development by N-R3 followed by N-B2-K3 is too slow he

should try here 13 P-KR3. 13.... Bah 14 Cos 15 N-83 CR-KB1 16 9-03 Now he realizes his mistake on the sixteenth move; but a better regrouping of this bishop lay in 16 B-B1, having P-KN3

16.... R-R3 17 P-R3 - H-N4 18 O-K3 P-86 18 O-K2 If instead 19 Q-Q2, RxP. 19.... 7-86 20 9-63 Not the 21 Park White resigns. Exchange of queens brings no relief, eg 22 Q-K6ch QxQ, 23 RxQ R-B5, when

and B-N2 in mind.

Harry Golombek



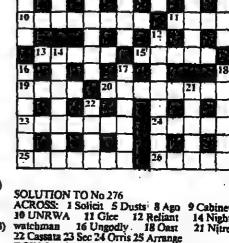
CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 277)

Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 1, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, March 3, 1984.

SOLUTION TO No 276
ACROSS: 1 Solicit 5 Dusts: 8 Ago 9 Cabinet
10 UNRWA 11 Glee 12 Reliant 14 Night
watchman 16 Ungodly. 18 Oast
22 Cassata 23 Sec 24 Orris 25 Arrange

SOLUTION TO No 271 (last Saturday's prize concise) ACROSS: 1 Hound 4 Quizzed 8 Blimp 9 Acelaim 10 Ignorant 11 Coin 13 Bored 15 Pulse 19 Hick 20 Soulless 23 Odalisk 24 Cynic 25 Nodular DOWN: 1 Hubris 2 Union 3 Deported 4 Quaint 5 Inch 6 Zealous 7 Domino 12 Publican 14 Orchard 16 Shoo in 17 Worker 18 Psyche

The winners of prize concise No 271 are: E.R Donnelly, 2 Thornsett Terrace, Croydon Road, Penge, London; and D.K. Jerris, 10 Fitzjohn Avenue Barnes, Hertfordshire.



society (4)
20 Stalemate (8)
23 Push rugby ball forward (5.2) 25 Go over again (7) 2 Metallic noise (5) 3 Anti-coagulant compound (8)
4 Dainty scrap (6) Boisterous game (4) 7 Not transparent (6)

14 Rugby throw in (4,3) 16 Furnaceman (6) 17 Spiritualist meeting DOWN:1 Sick 2 Libel 3 Conceiledness 4 Tatar (6) 5 Double crosser 6 Sarcasm 7 Shantung
18 Rocky Scottish island 13 Innuendo 15 Gagster 17 Yucca 19 Spain (6) 21 Film award (5) 20 Hate Recommended dictionary is the New Collins 22 Predatory seabird (4) Concise

White has no good means of averting the mate by the two

THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Today

ELGAR'S ENIGMA: IN A programme to mark the fiftleth anniversary of the death of Sir Edward Elgar, Leonard Bernstein, the famous American conductor/ composer/planist, is seen at rehearsal and in performance conducting the Enigma Variations with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Bernstein's interpretation of the piece, described by Elgar's blographer Michael Kennedy as "the greatest piece of ordiestral music written by an Englishman", is startlingly original. BBC2, 7.45-9.50pm.

SIR WILLIAM IN SEARCH OF XANADU: Barrie Gavin's documentary tries to capture the elusive personality of Sir William Burrell, the Glasgow shipping millionaire whose magnificent art collection is now on public display in a purpose-designed gallery in the city. The programme includes first-hand accounts from Burrell's insurance agent, gardener, housekeeper and others and there are some remarkable insights into an extraordinary man. Channel 4, 8.30-9.30pm.

PROFESSIONAL BOXING: A Rive transmission from the Palais de Sport in transmission from the Palais de Sport in Paris of the European middleweight championship fight between Louis Acaries, the Algerian-born holder, and Britain's Tony Sibson, who is trying to recover the title he relinquished for his abortive attempt to take the world crown from Marvin Hagler, All ITV regions, 10, 15,11,150m.

VENETIAN GLASS: Glass has probably been made in Venice since Roman times, and there is documentary evidence going back more than 1,000 years. The traditional method of working, which helps to give Venetian glass its distinctiveness, is to model the glass while it is still hot and add the characteristic filigree and mosaic by hand. This exhibition, arranged to coincide with the Genius of Venice show at the Royal Academy, includes 250 at the Moyal Academy, includes 250 pieces of historic and modern glass and more than 60 craft workshops will be showing their products, Italian Trade Centre, 46 Piccadilly, London W1 (734 2412). Daily, 10am-5pm, admission free. Until Wed.

#### Tomorrow

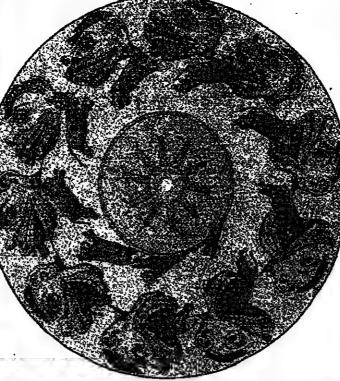
MAGIC GOES NORTH: The International Magicians' Gala is the culmination of the Blackpool Magic Convention which attracts practitioners from East Germany, Sweden, France, Spain and Britain, Jugglers, magicians with balloons, illusionists, and a Victorian magic act are all part of the show. Winter Gardens, Blackpool (0253 27786), 7pm. Tickets: £3.50.

Stage gala in aid of the Association for Spina Biflda and Hydrocephalus. Among those appearing in this song, dance, recitation and music show are Claire Bloom, Judi Dench. Alan Jay Lemer, Wendy Hiller, Faith Brook, Dorothy Tutin, Georgina Hale, Liz Robertson, Tom Bell, Michael Hordem, Michael Williams, Denis Outliey, Frank Finlay, Sylvia Sims, Derek Nimmo, Tim Curry, Joanna Lumley, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (836 8108). Today only, at 7pm. Tickets 25–225, or a tew at \$50 including buffet and wine with performers.

WALES! WALES?: A series of six films on the history of modern Wales presented by Dal Smith, who lectures in Welsh history at University College, Cardiff, and was coauthor of the acclaimed official history of the Welsh Bushy Links, in the first the Welsh Rugby Union. In the first programme he discusses the question of identity and formulates his own answer to the question, "who do they think they are?". BBC2, 5.10-6pm.

LOVELY: Richard Baker presents a tribute to Dame Isobel Baille, the Scottish-born soprano, who died in September at the age of 88. She was brought up and atudied in Manchester, made her London debut in 1923 and for 30 years was a leading performer in oratorio, being particularly well known for her singing of Handel's Messiah and Brahms's German Requiem. She is remembered by Dame Eva Turner, Sir







Childish delights: Three of the treasures from the Van Veem collection up for sale at Sotheby's on Tuesday. From left: An engraved, hand-coloured pictorial card, one of a set of five from about which can be spun to show a man eating a cow (c 1860); and a Dutch version of Little Red Riding Hood in which the pictures move by levers (1866)

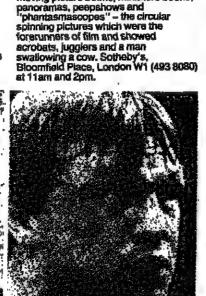
Keith Falkner and Beryl Reid and the programme includes extracts from her recordings. Radio 4, 8-8.45pm

SPITTING IMAGE: Billed as a cross SPITTING IMAGE: Billed as a cross between The Muppets and Not the Nine O'Clock News, this is a new 12-part series of topical sattres in which well-known figures, from President Reagan to Tony Benn and Joan Collins, are represented by puppets. They are the creation of Roger Law and Peter Fluck, whose work is familiar from magazine covers around the world, and will feature stratches by John Lloyd Corpoducy of sketches by John Lloyd, co-producer or Not the Nine O'Clock News, and Tony Hendra, former editor of the American satirical magazine, National Lampoon. All ITV regions, 10-10.30pm.

TREVOR GRIFFITHS: Although he has written several stage plays, including The Comedians, and was the screenwriter on Warren Beatty's Rads about the Russian revolution, Griffiths has done most of his work for television from the series, Bill Brand, to single plays like Through the Night. In The South Bank Show, Griffiths talks with Melvyn Bragg about his writing and the problems of dealing with political and social issues through television drama. All ITV regions, 10.30-11.30pm.

#### Monday

WORDS AND MUSIC: Benny Green, Denis King, Elaine Delmar, Toni Kanal in a compilation of songs and music by Coward, Kern, Gershwin, Puccini, Rodgers, Berlioz, Beerbohm, Tchaikovsky, Durante, Previn and others. Ambassadors (836 1171). Opens today at 7pm, until Mar 3, Tues-Fri at



THE MIKADO: Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in the production by the

Strational Festival, Ontario, Canada, directed and choreographed by Brian Macdonald, Cast includes Marie Baron, Eric Donkin, Richard MacMillan, John

Keane, Paul Massel, Avo Kittask, Old Vic (928 7616). Previews today and tomorrow at 7,30pm, opening night gala Wed at 7pm, in the presence of Princess Anne, Until Mar 7, Mon-Fri at 7,30pm,

Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 4pm (no matinee this Wed).

VERDICT: Anthony Steel, Hildegard Neil

Chanes varice, start a tour of 21 provincial towns with this Agatha Christie murder mystery: the only piece written by her specifically for the stage. Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond, Surrey (940 0080). Opens today at 7.45pm. Until Mar 3, Mon-Frl at 7.45pm. Sat at 5 pm and 8, 15pm.

and Richard Coleman, directed by Charles Vance, start a tour of 21

7,45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8,15pm;

THE MAN WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH

HIS WIFE: Ted Whitehead's play, with Tom Bell and Lynn Farleigh (see page

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: The first part of the Van Veen collection of children's books and juvenilia goes under the hammer. Treasures amassed by the scholarly Dutch banker include a host of nineteenth-century

moving picture books, miniature books,

matinee Wed at 2.30pm.

Tuesday

Plucky performers: Italian man of many talents, Dario Fo (see Tues) and British boxer Tony Sibson hoping to regain a European title (Today)

EXOTIC TEXTILES: A Javanese batik panel decorated with flying birds, a Japanese Kesi tapestry panel, Ottoman siik hats, Chinese robes and Indian saris are in a sale of oriental and Islamic textiles and costumes. Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (581 2231) at 2pm.

MASTER CLASS: David Pownall's play MASTER CLASS: David Pownal's play with Timothy West, Jonathan Adams, David Bamber and Peter Kelly, transfers from the Old Vic, for a six-week run in the West End. Wyndham's (836 3028), Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30 pm; matinees Wed at 3pm.

Z FOR ZACHARIAH: Anthony

Andrews, wearing make-up that took three hours to put on, plays a scientist suffering from radiation sickness in a television film for the Play For Today slot, written and directed by Anthony Garner, He strikes up a friendship with a fellow survivor from the nuclear holocaust, a 16-year-old girl: she is played by Pippa Hinchley, her first professional role, BBC1, 9.35-11.35pm.

THE WRECK OF THE CAMPESE BAY: THE WRECK OF THE CAMPESE BAY:
The excellent Chronicle programme
joins the excavation of one of the most
interesting wrecks discovered in the
Mediterranean, off the Island of Giglio
near Italy. Michael Menson Bound, an
Oxford archeeologist, started out on the
trail of the wreck 20 years ago, spurred
by old photographs and the memories of
sub-aqua enthusiasts. Since then he
has steadily built up clues to the wreck's
identity and more tinds are expected
this season. BBC2, 8.10-9pm.

DARIO FC: Television profile of the Italian playwight, performer, scholar and clown whose political farce, Accidental Death of an Anarchist, ran in London for two years and was followed by the equally successful Can't Pay Won't Pay. Fo once had his own television show in Italy, performing to audiences of up to 20 million people with his wife, Franca Rame, but as his work took a more political turn he fell out with the television authorities; he has also been banned from visiting the United States. The programme visits Fo at home and at work and films him performing his masterplece, *Mistero Butto*, in a tent at the Venice Carnival. BBC2, 10-10.50pm.

#### Wednesday

BRITISH PICTURES: A two-day sale of 574 paintings, drawing and watercolours from the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries begins with sombre portraits and continues with seascapes, horses, birds, landscapes and genre scene Among them are a watercolour of Margate Sands by Keie Greenaway and Sir Frederick William Burton's personification of "Weary". Sotheby's 34 & 35 New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8080). Today at 11am; tomorrow at 2 30cm

JUMPERS: Tom Stoppard's play revived with Tom Courtenay and Julie Walters in the lead roles. Exchange, Manchester (061 833 Royal Exchange, Manchester (061 833 9833). Preview today at 8pm, opens tomorrow at 7pm. Until Apr 7, Mon-Tues at 7,30pm, Wed-Sat at 8pm; matinées Wed at 2,30pm, Sat at 4pm.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL: England play France in Paris with memories still fresh of their last encounter, in the World Cup, when encounter, in the your Cup, when England had a fine 3-1 victory, Since then fortunes have changed, with England failing to qualify for the European Championship which France will host in the summer. The match is being covered live on BBC1, 7.20-9.20pm.

#### Thursday

FURNITURE AND
METALWORK: One unusual
object going under the hammer
is a red Victorian bird-cage in the shape
of a Gothic house (estimate \$300-\$2400).
in addition to pewter plates, brass
candesticks, refectory tables and
cabinets there is a fire William and Manucabinets there is a fine William and Mary burr-walnut bureau (estimate £4,000-£6,000). Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (839 9060) at 11am.

WILLIAM MORRIS TODAY: An exhibition to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of William Morris, epic poet, storyteller, inspiration of the arts and crafts revival and utopian socialist, whose influence lives on in his bold and naturalistic designs for wallpaper and fabrics. The exhibition sets Morris's work and ideas in the contexts of both Victorian Britain

and the present day and makes use of and to present day the makes deed carbons, maps, photographs, video and computers. Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW11 (930 3647). Until Apr 29, Tues-Sat noon-9pm. Admission 50p, children under 14 free.

RADIO MEMORIES: The first auction devoted entirely to vintage radio equipment includes a mid-nineteenth equipment includes a mid-nineteenth century telegraph receiver, 1920s broadcast receivers, a collection of First World War military radio equipment and a pre-1914 spark gap transmitter and receiver, a Baird Televisor made in 1930. Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (581 2231) at 2pm.

STRIPPERS; Peter Terson's new play (commissioned by the theatre) is the result of local research by the author into the way some women turn to striptease work to boost family income during the recession. John Blackmore directs a cast including Judi Lamb, Suzannah Fellows, Pamela Blackwood and Tracia Elizabeth Gillman in this world premiere production. Newcastle Playhouse, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 323421) Previews today, Fri, Mar 3 and Mar 5 at 7.30pm. Opens Mar 6 at 7.30pm until Mar 24, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm.

ON THE SPOT: Edgar Wallace's play of 1920s Chicago and its gangsters is 1920s Chicago and its gangsters is directed by Hob Walker, and stars Simon Callow and James Warwick, with Shaun Curry and Maurice Colbourne. Palace Theatre, Watford (0923 25671). Opens today at 7.45pm. Until Mar 31, Mon-Thurs at 7.45, and Sat at 8pm, press night Mar 6 at 7.45pm; matinee Mar 24 at 5pm.



Striking survivors: Anthony Andrews as a scientist scarred by nuclear fall-out (see Tues) and William Morris, living on in his art (Thurs)

Collecting

Carve-ups by the furniture Frankensteins

SHANE: Bob Eaton's stage adaptation of the western novel by Jack Shaefer is directed by Bob Cariton. Nell Societies takes the title role made lamous by files Ladd in the film. Everyment, Diverpage (051 709 4776). Opens today as 8pm. Until Mar 31, Tues-Sat at 8pm.

#### Friday

TEST CRICKET: After losing the series in New Zealand, England, England starts today in Karachi. But the lifeless Pakistan pitches make draws the most likely outcome. The Test Match Special team of Don Mosey, Tony Lewis, Henry Bloteld and Michael Carey will be providing ball by ball commentary on the final two sessions of each day's play on Radio 3, from 8.30am today and from 7.30pm on other days

NEIL WELLIVER: The first one man show in Europe for this important American artist, now aged 55. Much of his work is on a large scale, and nearly all of it illustrates the woods and mountains of Maine, where he now lives. He continues what one might call the Wyath tradition with vary detailed and meticulous landscapes, observed with a clinical precision which does not exclude a romantic feeling for atmosphere. Mariborough Fine Art, 8 Albermarie Street, London W1 (829 5 5161). Until March 31, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm.

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STREET FLEET: No use looking to writer-director Joel Schumacher for finesse, but the rude, warm vigour of this comedy about Washington's most disreputable text firm exerts a definite appeal. A bustling that the bust Mr T ffrom Barter cast includes the huge Mr T (from Rodge, Mr), Adam Baldwin, and Charlie Bennett, an energetic comic discovered by Schumacher on the streets of New York. Cert 15: Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234); Classic Oxford Street (636 0310) THE RIGHT STUFF: Film adaptation of Tom Wolfe's best-selling novel-about -American space pioneers (see page 17).

BEYOND THE DOOR; Film by Liliana' Cavani of Night Porter fame. The store of a love triangle complicated by betrayal and denials. Starring Marcelo Mastroianni as the man jailed for a murder he did not commit. Cert 18. Classic Chelsea (352 5096): Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148). CHAMPION: John Hurt in John Irwin's film based on the true story of the jockey, Bob Champion, who overcame a multitude of problems including cancer to win the Grand National in 1981, Cert. PG. Odeon Leicester Square (930 6111).

CHRISTINE: New film by John
Carpenter (Hallowe'en and Assault on Precinct 13) and based on thriller-writer.
Stephen King's book. Set in the United States, it is the story of a 1958 Plymouth.
Fury car called Christine, which has both mind and emotions of its own, and the consequences when its new college bor owner falls in love. Cert 18. Leicester Square Theatre (930 5252).

OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE: An offbeat Jewish film comedy starring Elliott Gould as a caté owner on the wrong side of Brooklyn Bridge who has asspirations to cross over to the Manhattan side, and the problems he encounters en route. Cert 15. Classic Haymarket (839 1527).

THE WORLD WALK: Alec McCowen plays Albert Speer, Hitler's former architect and armaments minister, in a play by Jonathan Sauth which is set during Speer's 20-year imprisonment in Spandau jail. The title comes from Speer's daily walk around the walled places arched during walk around the walled prison garden during which he records the number of kilometres covered and wonders whether he will do the equivalent of the circumference of the th. BBC2, 10-05pm.

#### Week following

Mer 3: Rugby Union, Ireland v Scotlen and France v England.
Mar 4: A civic service at St Mary's.
Church, Lichfield, Staffordehire; marks
the official start of the bi-centenary. commemoration of the town's most famous son, Dr Samuel Johnson, who

Software

# Neat attempt to find a common language

People who play around with the program and 18 demon the notion that a common stration routines are yours. language unites all do so at their own risk. One recalls Graham Greene's accrbic description of the failed spy preaching the dubious virtues of Entrenationo in The Confidential Agent. And, while it may be well-meant, who knows a single word of

It is with some trepidation. then, that I approach an offering from the BBC which promises to bridge the gap between most common types of home com-puter and make them all understand the same computer language. Basicode is the name of the program, as any addict of Barry Norman's Radio 4 spot The Chip Shop will know, and for £3.95 the cassette containing



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stration routines are yours. The Basicode kit consists of

the tape and a rather impenetrable booklet explaining how it can be used to enable your computer to understand programs broadcast by *The Chip Shop* and a couple of European radio stations. You record the fuzzy clicks put out on the radio and then feed them into your machine; the Basicode translator adapts these for your use by ironing out the idiosyncratic wrinkles which each computer has in its version of the common language Basic. Everything clear so far?

Good, because Basicode purchasers will need their wits about them. For a start, you can spend ages tracking down your particular translation routine on side one of the cartridge. All 13 of them sit like musical tracks, separated by Barry Norman's brief introduction. Finding the one you want is no mean feat. Once you have achieved this,

the program fits neatly into the computer and stays there until you switch the machine off. one to do with the exact mass of Each make of computer has elements and the other about different routines for using the resistance and capacitance program. In my case, the Commodore 64 manual was vibrator using the NE555 (no. none too clear on how to use a neither do I) – and a clever little nine-symbol code to instruct the thing on the problem of Claude computer to load another piece Gaspard Bachet de Mezirac. of software - but after a hour of Claude's problem, as I am sure

The trouble began when I tried some of the demonstration programmes. The welcome message slipped in easily, and gave me a couple of radio frequencies to use to pick up continental Basicode offerings. The other 17 items were less amenable. The most complex game, a rudimentary version of game, a rudimentary version of Basicode is undoubtedly nean-the Kong school of arcade derthal stuff in the kind of games, was happy to fill the software it can handle. Graphics screen but resolutely refused to and colours are, for instance, respond to any command to begin. The same applied to a neat program which seemed to be designed to show the chord modified by the home user.

positions on a guitar. After a couple of hours' work, programs to check for errors or



values of an astable multipuzzling I got the hang of things. you will know, was writing a number which equalled the sum flipped the cassette over and of four whole squares; had he been born in the computer age instead of 1581, it would have

been no problem at all. Is all this worth £3.95? I have to say, without hesitation, yes but not for the demonstration programs, which even when they work are pretty hopeless. beyond its ken. But, unlike commercial software, it is designed to be broken into and

Even a relative idiot can list the only ones I could rely on add in little sophistications, and the only ones I could rely on add in little sophistications, and Broadcasting Support Services, were two scientific formulas — in this way Basicode represents PO Box 7, London W3 6XJ.

a neat adjunct to learning how to write for the computer yourself.

The word from Holland is that a more sophisticated version of carved with lozenges, probably Basicode is on the way - and cannibalized from another will no doubt be available over chest. The balusters were no the airwaves to those who own doubt parts of a pair of bed-the present one to translate it. posts. recarved with acanthus Shop is looking to put the rest of the upper part were new system to some greater use than playing games. I suspect the applications will never be sophisticated in themselves. simply because of the limilations dictated by the nature of electronic Esperanto, but, for half the price of a standard games cassette, can we really complain?

David Hewson

Basicode runs on Apple II and IIe, BBC Models A and B, the Commodore 64, the Colbur Genie, Commodore 3000, 4000 and 8000, Pet 2001, VIC 20, Sharp MZ8OK, Sinctair ZX-81, and TRS-80/Videogenie. It costs £3.95 from Broadcasting Support Services,

thing some auctioneers cata-logue as basically seventeenth century with later additions, and the dealers dismiss as a Victorian carve-up."
"But that's absurd. Victorian? My Uncle Eustace con-

sidered it to be the finest piece of early oak in his collection. It's dated 1603." It's dated 1603."
"It began life, probably about 1650, as a simple, box-like chest or coffer, with panelled front and ends, and a plank top hinged along the rear edge. As a type, it was one of the most popular pieces of furniture over a very long period, and hundreds like it. long period, and hundreds like it have survived - some in original condition, others embellished to

"How", asked the owner, "would you describe this? Is it a buffet or a court cupboard?"

excessive chest expansion", replied the valuer. "The sort of

"I'd call it a severe case of

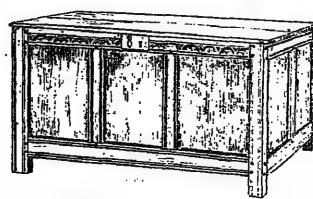
a greater or lesser extent."
"You make 'embellished' sound like a dirty word." "The whole of the superstruc ture - the central cupboard with its canted ends, the canopy above and the balusters support-

ing it - was added about a hundred years ago, using genu ine seventeenth-century panels chest. The balusters were no the meantime. The Clup leaves. The mouldings and the at the time. And the date of James I's accession was added as a bonus.

"Oh well, at least the bottom part is authentic. That, I dare say, is what Uncle Eustace really appreciated - all that rich carving."
"I dare say, But the Victo-rians, like your Uncle Eustace,

favoured oak that was decorated in a mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and baroque styles, that they liked to think of as Elizabethan. In this instance, they superimposed the carvings of the medieval knight and the bishop, with the grotesque mask between, on the plain front panels, and planted a Mannerist figure at either end."





Excessive chest expansion: 1650 panelled coffer before and after elaborate Victorian embellishment

"You mean the merman and chunney piece and plonked on "Male supports of this kind Caryatid supports of that period are called allantes and female, often wore horrified ex-

Whatever they are. I've always thought the poor girl looked quite terrified."

pressions. "So according to you, none of the carving, even on the basic

looked quite terrified." chest, is original?"

"As well she might, having to pretend to be supporting all that superstructure. In fact, these are authentic fragments, probably They've been rather coarsely removed from a Jacobean copied on the cornice of the

upper part, to assist in the illusion that the whole thing was

made at the same time." "Could it have been? I mean. was nothing like this made in

"Cuphoards with superstructures of the this type were produced at that time, yes, but they were mounted on bases with open shelves, or enclosed by doors - not constructed as chests with rising tops, like this, which needed the lid to be divided and rehinged in front of the super structure to provide access to the interior of the base."

"So you're saying, quite categorically, that - leaving the later carving out of the argument - nothing was constructed in this way in the early seventeenth century?"

No. I'm not saying that Unique picces made in some cicentric way are constantly turning up to confound the experts. But unconventional construction arouses suspicions which are very often justified."

"And was it the construction that made you doubtful of this piece in the first place?"

"Construction, proportions, varying quality in the carring and the colour. To even up all the miscellaneous bits and pieces, the Frankenstein of the furniture trade who created this monster gave it a nice coat of black stain all over - the usual finish to a vast range of

nincteenth-century spoofs. "So much for all those Victorian values we've been told to emulate!"

"I did say spoofs - not fakes. Some of these carve-ups were done with intent to deceive, but many were the work of amateurs, intent on improving their own possessions. Woodcarving was considered a polite accomplishment for ladies."

"Really? Perhaps I'll revive That Conran desk in my husband's study - a couple of caryatids would liven it up no.

end

Peter Philp



## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

# The Treasury cat among banking pigeons

By yesterday evening the gilt-edged market was calming down, after the choppy 24 hours since the Inland Revenue had casually announced that it would henceforth be taxing building societies' capital gains on gilts at 40 per cent.

A few mysteries have been cleared up. The disingenuous pronouncement that the change was being made purely on "legal advice" was given political context by Mr Ian Stewart, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury. Yes, of course ministers were a party to the Inland Revenue's action. Why was this tax-raising measure not announced in the Budget? It arises out of the application of existing law, not a policy change to be embodied in the Finance Bill.

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Even so, the timing was odd, it came through to brokers' offices just before five o'clock on Thursday. If the Revenue thought it would cool things down by holding back until after normal market hours, it reckoned without the lure of juicy commissions. Gilt-edged brokers simply stayed at their desks - and one estimates the building societies off-loaded £2,500m of stock. It was a double bonanza for the jobbers, facing a one-way market on Thursay evening and Friday morning: they simply widened their margins, marked prices up and down - and collected handsome profits.

Long-term, the feeling seems to be that the impact on the market will be modest, There will be an incentive for building societies to look down new investment avenues and perhaps to increase their holdings of bank certificates of deposit. There will also be an incentive for the 11 biggest building societies (with assets over £2,000m and therefore the right to do so) to issue more ceritificates of deposit

In the political market, however, the consequences of Thursday's announcement have still to be worked out. The building societies have made much of their anger, threatening dire consequences for mortgage rates; they have called a meeting for March 16 - just three days after the Budget. But it is no coincidence that the announcement came only days after the societies had charted a future course that would take them deeper into the retail banking business. A tax change that brings them more in line with the banks can pe presented as the logical consequence of their own development

Many other possible changes flow from that logic, which have implications for the Budget. If the Chancellor's aim it to equalize the tax treatment of financial institutions, will he abolish the composite rate of tax building societies pay? Will he try to save civil service manpower by getting the banks to pay interst net of tax? Given that "equalization" is expected to mean more tax all round on financial services, not less, who will feel the next blow? Banks? Insurance companies? It will be an uneasy fortnight for the City.

Meanwhile, the Bank of England has been carrying out its traditional pre-Budget smoothing out of money market pressure. There are two peaks to the revenue season; when corporation tax comes in towards the end of January and when Petroleum Revenue Tax is paid in early March. Last year, the Bank had to give temporary help to the banking system

as early as January 21. This year things have gone more smoothly, through February, but now the Bank reckons help is needed. It is offering temporary facilities to all recognised banks and licensed deposit-takers (above a certain minimum size) for amounts up to II per cent of each institution's eligible liabilities, compared with a limit of 11/2 per cent early last year. If all the offers were taken up, the assistance would amount to

# Good omen for Hanson Trust

After nine weeks of heated exchanges, Hanson Trust's £247m takeover bid for London Brick closes finally at 3 pm on Tuesday. The result is difficult to predict but a 7p leap in the share price vesterday to 168p after heavy tea-time buying by stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman, indicates that the bid will succeed. The brokers were unlikely to be buying on behalf of an 14thhour "white knight" Charter Consolidated was one of yesterday's speculation probconvertible offer is a cheap way into Hanson shares, if you accept that an industrial conglomerate, with 30 per cent of London Brick in the bag, is the winner.

The majority of other shareholders bave still to decide and no one can be blamed for taking their time. London Brick has put up a ferocious fight. It has forecast pretax profits of £36m for this year - £10m higher than 1983 and more than £20m more than in 1982. Brick deliveries so farthis year are 10 per cent ahead of the level on which the £36m forecast was based so the company may do even better.

The Takcover Panel will not allow the company to say much about 1985. Hanson's bankers complained yesterday about comments its chairman made about 1985. He was, apparently, misquoted, but it is clear that further progress will be

made, London Brick expect fletton deliveries to be higher and, provided there is no hitch in planning consent, the cost benefits of the new £25m brick works in Bedfordshire should begin to feed through in that year. The effect on profits of the group's new "super fletton" brick, due to come into production next year, should not be underestimated. It will sell at near the price of a high quality non-fletton facing brick and have the low production

London Brick's profit potential has long been recognized by investment analysts. It is a pity it has taken the management so long to tap it. If it had set in train the current programme of action two years earlier, it would not be facing this bid and there would be no danger of it losing control at 180p a share.

But the change is now apparent. Hanson is going to find it difficult to go away if it loses this time with its near 30 per cent shareholding in the company. Long term holders would, therefore, seem to have little to lose by rejecting the bid despite the quality of an investment in Hanson being offered through the convertible. In the short term, the share price is bound to fall if the bid fails. Short term holders should either gamble by accepting the convertible or selling in the market.

# Britoil extends deadline for Scott Lithgow reprieve

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

gow from closure brightened behind schedule. considerably yesterday when

The board of Britoil - which said. originall-cancelled the rig before discuss the Scott Lithgow rivalibidders for thre yard more cancellation.

the Scottish oil rig construction company, dropped a strong hint that it intended to make a formal bid for the yard within the next two weeks to match the one already promised by Trafalgar House,

A statement from Britoil yesterday said that its negotiations with Trafalgar House had now reached a stage where both parties could enter detailed contractual negotiations about the completion of the rig, which is only one third finished and

Hopes of saving Scott Lith- already running two years

"These will cover both Britoil made clear that it is technical and commercial facincreasingly confident that its tors, the preliminary discrucial unfinished North Sea oil cussions having established that rig will now be completed at the there is a basis for detailed negotiations", 'the statement

Britoil emphasized, however, Christmas - met yesterday to that its discussions with other interested parties, which insituation and agreed to give the clude both Howard Doris and Bechtel, are continuing. Britoil time to complete their nego-tiations before confirming the other bidders besides Trafalgar House time to prepare rival Meanwhile, Howard Doris, bids for the yard. Howard Doris's statement

said it had completed initial discussions with both Britoil and British Shipbuilders, and would be approaching the trade unions next week. It intended to follow this with "submissions" to Britoil and to British Shipbuilders' chairman, Mr Graham Day, within the pext two weeks, A Spokesman for company said that this would be a formal bid for the

Trafalgar House said last



Graham Day: in talks with Howard Doris

night that it welcomed the Britoil statement, which marked a step forward for Scott Lithgow, Trafalgar House continues to be sceptical about the chances of any other company producing a competitive bid, but appears to have dropped its disagreement over payments for original target of completing its abnormal working conditions.

We are doing everything in our power to bring this to a speedy conclusion," a spokes-man said. "Time is pressing. but clearly a lot depends on the other side in these nego-

British Shipbuilders said that it had had exploratory talks with Howard Doris yesterday. and expected to have further contacts next week. But it emphasized that Trafalgar House was still the only company it was negotiating with. Everything depends on the bidder reaching agreement with Britoil," a spokesman said. Directors at Britoil are

believed to have satisfied themselve that at least one of the bidders will be able to complete the rig in time for the drilling season in 1986.

• Two thousand boilmakers from Swan Hunter's four Tyneside shipyards yesterday voted to ban overtime 10 day after signing of a peace deal. Their action is in response to a

likely to be no more than £10m.

Mr Graham, who took over

#### Dollar slide continues

The dollar continued to slide pesterday, losing nearly 3 plennigs to finish London trading at DM2.6295, a four-month low. Since Tuesday, when fears of a possible closure of the Straits of Hormuz caused a short-lived move into dollars, the United States corrency has dropped almost 7.5 pfennigs or 2.7 per cent.

The pound lost some ground after a statement from Iran that the Straits would be kept open but it later, recovered to finish nearly a cent up at \$1.4715, its highest closing level since late November.

lts trade-weighted index. reflecting losses against European currencies, fell 0.1 to 82.6, a rise of only 0.1 on the week. Market report, page 22

#### STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 815.8 up 8.9 FT Gilts: 82.39 down 0.57 FT All Share: 491,30 up 1.41 **Bargains:** 28,040 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 106.66 down 0.37 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: Industrial Ave (latest) 1143.84 up 9.21 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,962,87 up 23.31 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1048.76 down 18.53 Amsterdam: 165.9 down 2.0 Sydney: AC Index 743.8

Frankfurt: Commerzeank ladex 1034.5 up 6.6

SE 100 Index:1031.7 down 11.3 (day's high: 1036.9; low 1030.8)

**CURRENCIES** 

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#### **Kuwait acts** over market collapse

By Jeremy Warner

The Kuwaiti Government is to set up a \$1 billion (£690m) company to help pick up the pieces left by the collapse 18 months ago of the country's unofficial stock exchange, the Suq ai Manakh.

The collapse came after a fall in share prices resulted in investors being unable to honour post-dated cheques, worth an estimated 594 billion. The cheques had been used to buy shares in expectation of their prices going up before payment was due.

The formation of the new company, announced yesterday by the Kuwaiti minister of finance and oil, Shaikh Ali Khalifa al Sabah, is the latest in a series of actions taken by the Government to resolve the financial crisis caused by the collanse in the market.

The new company will take over property and shares owned by key stock market dealers, who have been declared bankrupt by a government-appointed arbitration panel, set up se in ine marke It will also have substantial cash resources to help support its investments.

The arbitration has estimated the worth of the 17 largest speculators, at between 20 and 34 per cent of their liabilities.

The Kuwaiti Government will own about 40 per cent of the new company, and the rest will be offered for subscription.

In the heyday of the Suq al

Manakh, nearly all the companies listed were speculating in one another's shares regardless of whether they were genuine investment companies or those involved in trading manufactur-ing or construction.

#### Murdoch in SEC action

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

News International. group headed by Mr Rupert Murdoch, is seeking access to the shareholders' list of Warner Communications, the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington was told yesterday the group has informed Warner it is exploring alternatives aimed at influencing management or acquiring control.

• The Harris Queensway carpet group has again urged shareholders in Stylo, the Bradford shoe company, to accept its £35m offer.

 New York stocks moved up in early trading yesterday with the Dow Jones industrial average up 9.5 points to 144.13. But analysts said to was too carly to predict a reversal of the seven-weak decline.

Powerline International which distributes and services clectronic power supplies, is to get a quote on the Unlisted Securities Market. Directors forecast profits doubling to more than £1m for 1984.

#### INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 9 1/2 Discount market loans week fixed 9 % - 9 3 month interbank 911/32 - 5/322

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 101/16 - 103/18 3 month DM 51/4 - 51/4 3 month Fr F13-124

US cates Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 9,8 Treasury long bond 9823 % 22

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 4, 1984 to February 7, 1984 inclusive: 9.493 per cent.

# US oil groups face curbs

From Bailey Morris, Washington a Ottinger, a New York Congressnational oil company to keep man who is the main sponsor of

prices down during periods of the Bill.
tight supply will be soon Mr (
introduced by a group of House's Mr Ottinger, who chairs a House sub-committee on energy Congressmen who want to limit conservation ad power, was the power of private oil concerned by last month's oil companies. The Congressmen have exshortage in New York during the cold wave which triggered a pressed concern over the Justice sharp rise in prices. . Department's decision to drop a

Department's decision to broken six-year investigation of alleged restraints of trade by leading oil with the lask of buying refined oil products when prices are low, storing them at strategic crisis.
"A national company would places and selling them at below prevent the oil companies from market prices would prevent being able to jerk the public erratic price fluctuations. Mr around," said Mr Richard Ottinger said.

Mr Fernand St Germain, chairman of the House Banking Committee, who is also spon-soring the Bill, said the idea was to stabilize markets without creating unworkable government allocation and reserve requirement schemes.

But is opposed strongly by

the Reagan Administration. Mr Donald Hodel, the Sec-retary of Energy, told Con-gressional investigators at a recent hearing that creating a national company to in effect "tamper with the market". would end up costing the government millions of dollars without resolving anything.

#### Plan for small initial stake

# NFC has cash to buy Sealink

Legislation

creating

National Freight Consoritum, the transport and travel business which said recently it would have to review debt repayments, would need no additional finance to stage a buy-out of Scalink ferries from the Government.

NFC, headed by Sir Peter Thompson, would provide the management and take a small equity stake but with an option to buy out the interests of its partners within five years as part of a plan to gain a Stock Exchange quotation for a joint NFC/Sealink company.

Mr James Watson, finance director of NFC, said yesterday: "We could cope with our involvement in Sealink within our current capital spending

programme." However, NFC will need to bankers, ways of raising fresh raise money to fund expansion capital. If it were a Stock exchange listed company now. jump to £16m last month, NFC rights issue from shareholders. also revealed it had major But the group's 13,000 holders distribution contracts - for of almost 83 per cent of the



Sir Peter Thompson: Stock Exchange aim

Country - which would require increased working capital.

NFC is discussing with its a 71 per cent pretax profits the bankers might recommend a made last year, but it is still

fresh cash, or go for a Stock Exchange listing before 1987. The shareholders gather today in the 2,500-seat Grand Hall at Wembley Conference

Centre in London for NFC: second annual meeting. Since the buy-out, shareholders have seen the value of their shares quadruple to an effective £4 each. Today, approval is likely for the shares to be dividend again into two, making their value a more manageable fl

NFC's net debt over shareholders funds was put at 110 per cent last month. If NFC were to be chosen as

the Scalink buyer, the structure of the small equity stake and later option to buy, would keep Scalink's debts off the NFC balance sheet. .

In 1982, these totalled £154m. Some improvement was expected that the Government through Sealink's owners British Rail - would need to write Whithread in the South-east company are employees and off about £78m to make the and Sainsburys in the West NFC has alredy promised it company attractive.

#### Agents plan sell-off in 1986 By Our Financial Correspondent

to retain a shareholding of

about 50 per cent for some

time, however, in order not to

The Crown Agents hope to make their first move towards privatization in 1986, Mr Peter Graham, the Senior Crown Agent, said yesterday. This is likely to involve the placing of a minority of shares with City institutions as a prelude to a full stock market flotation three

vears later. Mr Graham, speaking the day after the Government's reprieve of the 151-year-old organisation, confirmed that he was also keen to see employees and staff take between 10 and 20 per cent of equity.

overseas governments and other bodies, which have glways valued the impartial public sector reputation of the Agents.

The Agents expect to be back in profit by 1986, when they will be much slimmer and more streamlined. After selling their London head office at Millbank, for a minimum of £10m and

as part-time Senior Crown Agent last summer, acknowlrisk losing the custom of edged that the property investment problems of the early 1970s had not helped the

The Government would have capital base at privatization is

Agents' struggle to survive after the loss of the lucrative Brunei investment management contract last summer.

"Most people think of the Agents in terms of the horrible cutting staff numbers from and expensive mess of 1974, 1,200 to fewer than 900, the and this still lives with us."

### Power stations may be run privately

By David Young, Energy Correspondent A power station closed since move into the stations to make 1981 and one due for closure later this year, with the loss of 200 jobs, may become the first two in Britain to be operated commercially by private industry, supplying power to the national grid.

Taylor Woodrow Energy and Ballour Beatty are to carry out a joint study into the possibility of operating the stations at Camarthen Bay, due to close in October, and at Plymouth "B". which closed in 1981. On Monday, engineers will station in 1954.

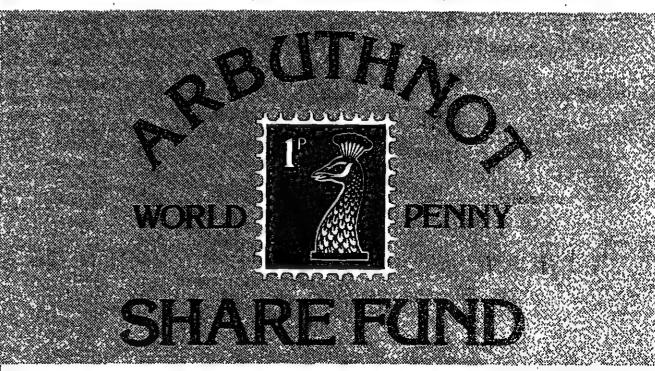
engineering and cost studies. Their reports are likely to be ready early in the summer when the companies will jointly decide whether to become the first to take advantage of changes in the Energy Act and become private power-station operators.
The Plymouth station was

built in 1951 as a coal-fired operation and converted to oilburning in 1959. Camarthen Bay was built as a coal-fired

Taylor and Balfour, which are also involved in the Severn Barrage tidal power project. plan to reconvert Plymouth to coal and fuel both stations with supplies bought from the National Coal Board. The use of imported coal has, at this stage, been ruled out.

Balfour has designed, built and operated power stations and Taylor has been involved in wind-powered electricity generation for the national grid in

(£269.00-£269.50) New York (latest): \$397.00 Krugerrand\* (per coin): \$408.00-\$409.50 (£277-278) Sovereigns\* (new): 593.0-\$94.0 (£63.25-£64) \*Excludes VAT



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MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

# Gilts steadier after tax bombshell

market began to regain some of its composure vesterday after the decision by the Inland Revenue to charge building societies 40 per cent tax on their their worst levels.

Bratannic closed all square on the day at 503p, after 500p, with Equity & Law at 819p, night and many dealers were recalled to their offices to deal with the sudden welter of selling orders ahead of the Revenue's deadline. Short-dated coupons bore the brunt of Thursday's after 510p. London selling, with losses extending to £1 by the close of business.

Nervous selling again greeted the jobbers when business Life 3p at 635p, after 631p. resumed yesterday and shorts again lost up to £1 before the ppearance of a few cheap yers enabled the market to pull out of its steep dive. By the close of business last night the obbers were reporting average osses of up to £1 1/2 in shorts and

£4 in longs.

Among the worst casualties over the past two days were Exchequer 2 per cent 1985 down £2 at £85. Exchequer 3 per cent 1987 £2% to £82%. Treasury 7 per cent 1988 £1% to £93% and Treasury 3 per cent 1988 £1 1/2 to £80 1/2.

Jobbers said the business on Thursday had been all one-way, which had enabled them to widen the spread and make the most out of the market's fears. But as they left their offices for the weekend break most com-plained that the shake-out had been overdone and prices would now be left to establish their

The Revenue's decision also had some sinister implications for the life insurance market, where dealers reported early

heavy selling. Chunks of the life insurance companies' portfolios are made up of gilt-edged investments, and a similar ruling would of top 100 companies, now prove a blow. However, the officially known as the FI-SE

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings and March 9. Contargo Day, March 12. Settlement Day, March 19. panic proved short-lived and 100 (or Footsie), ended the day

formers was ICI, up 14p at 600p, after second thoughts about the figures. It was also good news for those shrewd for new time, excluding the dividend, at 260p after the falls were seen in Hambro Life down 4p at 468p, after 466p, Legal & General 4p at 512p,

Manchester Group 4p at 512p, after 510p, Pearl Assurance 4p at 854p, after 847p, and Sun The insurance composites spent a better day, still recovering from Commercial Union's disappointing profits perform-Rumours continue to swirt round GRA Group, the grey-

hound racing stadium owner. The latest is that it is about to sell its big Slough stadium for £5m, which could be worth 14p a share. But Mr Tony Kerry, a director, says: "I can't confirm that. No way". The shares closed 3 /p higher at 64p. ance this week. CU rallied a

ance this week. CU railled a further 2p to 174p while General Accident improved 5p to 448p, Guardian Royal Exchange 2p to 515p, London United Investments 5p to 203p, Minster Assets 2p to 134p, Phoenix 5p to 468p and Royal Incompage 5p to 413p. Insurance 5p to 413p. The rest of the equity market enjoyed a firm end to the account, helped by a further reappraisal of ICI's full-year

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figures on Thursday and a firm start to trading on Wall Street. The FT Index closed at its high for the day 8.9 up at 815.8 - a rise on the account of 10.4. The new Stock Exchange Index

worthwhile support after their shakeout this week. Atlantic once again prices closed above 5.2 up at 1036.9. Resources led the way with a

One of the brightest perleap 55p to 503p followed by Aran Energy 5p to 67p, and Eglington 10p to 335p, after brokers who bought the shares den Brick added 7p to 168p 3p above the bid from Hanson
Trust - after unconfirmed

This was equivalent to the week's low of 576p. de Zoete & Bevan the stockbrokers, say the final figure of £619m was shy of its estimate of £630m. But with continued volume growth and the present weakness of the pound against the Deutsche-mark it has decided to stick with its original estimate of £860m for this year. The shares have fallen sharply since mid-December and the broker is recommending them as a

Other leading improved industrials included Beecham Group, up 25p at 316p, still reflecting its £42m Italian acquisition, as Blue Circle Industries hardened 5p to 420p.
Bowater 3p to 261p, Glaxo 4p
to 747p, Thora EMI 7p to 624p,
Uailever 5p to 915p and
Vickers 2p to 145p. Piessey was another firm market after Thrusday's interim figures, adding 9p to 215p.

The oil market rallied after a flat start, but still fell short of overnight levels. BP dipped 3p to 425p, after 421p, Briteil 7p to 24|p. Clyde Petroleum 3p to 123p, Imperial Continental Gas 5p to 273p, London & Scottish Marine Oil 2p to 313p, after 306p. Shell 6p to 625p. Tricentrol 5p to 193p and Ultramar 8p to 664p. Fears that the Gulf of Hormuz would be sealed have now eased.

Only the volatile Irish explo-

fall of 2p. There were also rises of 2p in Currys at 288p and Great Universal Stores "A" at

COMMODITIES

On the Unlisted Securities Market, A & M Hire, the hire group, which specializes in antique furniture for the television and film world, held steady at 201/2p after Mr Christopher Maclean, a director, announced he had sold I million shares. This reduces his holding to 15.75 million, or 25.8 reports of a dawn raid by the per cent. Interim figures from the group showed pretax profits of £360,000, against £455,000 for the whole of 1982. A & M joined the USM in September after a placing of 5 million shares by Le Mare, Martin the Stockbroker at 10p each.

> Also on the USM Fitch & Company the interior designer, has landed another lucrative contract. This time it is with Associated Dairies which has asked Fitch to draw up a few ideas. Fitch greeted the news with a rise of 15p to 275p.

£6.6m. Last year the group made pretax profits of £910,000 on turnover of £15.6m and for Sun Chemical Corporations the current year a gross dividend of 5p yielding 3.08 per cent had been forecast. No new money is decision to stad in the market and bid 64p a share for shares of Ault & Wiborg, the printing inks supplier, has yielded a total of 2.87 million shares. This takes its total holding up to 62.6 Strong & Fisher rose 8p to 206p on renewed bid specuper cent of the issued share capital. Ault ended the day lation, and there was similar, unchanged at 47p. Mantague Loebl the stockbroker has been support for Armour Trust 2p II Group ded 2p at 248p, looking at the construction industry, paying particular attention to John Mowlem, after confirmation of its porposed trading link-up with the Swedish company Electrolux unchanged at 230p, and French Kier 1p dearer at 133p, Monta-gue is looking for a further which is thought to own about 3 advance in this year's profits to about £12m for Mowlem, Fear that the tax problems surrounding the building societies would again postpone building putting the shares on a pri-ce/earnings ratio of only 7:7. A apossible cut in mortgage rates upset the retail sector, but the healthy balance sheet and the prospect of continued growth next year still offers further fears proved short-lived. Woolto 375p after recovering form a buying opportunities.

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MONEY MARKETS

Period rates softened a little market a continuing lack of yesterday, encouraged by firmness of the pound. Business was authorities kept money rates only moderate, and there were no apparent repercussions from the reported heavy sales of gilts by building societies overnight following the shock tax move.

On the takeover front, Lon-

stockbroker Rowe & Pilman.

Market rumours suggested they were acting on behalf of Charter

Consolidated, but Charter does

not comment on market

The broker Stock Beech is placing 433,503 shares in the Bristol electrical wholesaler

Denmans Electrical at 162p a

share. This represents only 10.5 per cent of the total share capital

and values the entire copany at

being raised by the placing.

ghter at 36p.

per cent of TI's equity.

Buyers mainly stuck to sterling certificates of deposit, during the morning, though after lunch, a few ventured out to 11 and 12 months.

Interbank, overnight money mostly hovered 497, \$91/%, but firmed to around 94% during the afternoon, before dipping to 8% at the finish.

Dollar rates firmed a touch initially behind Dr Kaufman's latest warning on interest rate prospects, but eased back a trifle

late in the day.
On the London discount

firm, even though, at £350m, the shortage was pretty modest for a Friday The Bank of England finally

gave generous assistance of £387m, although it needed to resort to sale-and repurchase agreements on £187m of bills to the March 28 at a rate of interest of 9% to achieve this. The bank bought outright £200m of bills across the four bans at established rates.

The Bank of England initially forecast a shortfall of some £300m, indicating a drain on market liquidity of £184m via maturing assistance and take-up of Treasury Bills, and of £230m through increased note circulation offset to some extent by a £110m surplus on Exchequer

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Another good week for the an Iranian statement that the pound against an easier dollar Straits of Hormuz would be saw sterling close below its best of the day of 1,4735, at 1, 4715, points very swiftly. It recovered still up 90 points it was last above 1.47 on November 23.

to move about 1.47 again in late

above 1.47 on November ...
The closing trade weighted index was down 0.1 at 82.6, reflecting easier rates to contithe pound finished ½ a pfennig down on the DM 3.8725, 3½ at 3.2050 and firmer to the yen. at 11.92, a Dutch cent off the 343.25 (341.50). at 4.3725 but  $\frac{1}{2}$  a guilder at 4.3725 but 1/2 a Sterling had opened at a centime up on Swiss francs at higher level and pushed above 3.2050 and firmer to the yen, 1.47 to opeak of 1.4735 before 343.25 (341.50)



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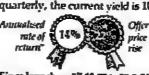
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More than doubled pretax profits are reported by Compco Holdings, the Edinburgh propshold, for the first time in 1982. erty investment and development concern, for the half-year to September 25, 1983, They climbed from £199,000 to £469,000 while earnings per share also more than doubled.

to 10.9p. against 4.52p last time. Net rental income showed only a slight rise, from £274,000 to £279.000. But this year, there was a profit of £266,000 on the sale of property, while there was no similar profit last

However, the board reports that no further sales of this kind are envisaged in the second half-year, during which rental income is expected to be comparable with the previous

Compco's pretax profits reached a record of £486,000 in 1981-82, but then fell £298,000 in the following year.

#### In brief

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 Electronic Machine: Mr safety barriers, security fencing and steel liniels is good and if demand remains at, or near the told the annual meeting that the current year should show pleasing progress. However, the division will be substantial. carly months had been held Squibb Corporation reports back by further trading difficulties in the precision engineering offshoot. These had largely been overcome but the main benefit should not be expected until the second half of the year.
Certain big orders are in

course of negotiation. The contract for the sale of the property at Thornton the property at Thornton income before extraordinary Heath, south east London. is items rose 13 per cent to

memory, put the group into the Francis Parker - Tarmac: black with its bankers.

expected by March 12.

change in the second half.

TR Energy is to take over Tarmac Roadstone for Francis the oil and gas interests of Parker have become uncon-interoil Inc., a subsidiary of TR ditional and as acceptances Pacific Basin Investment Trust. have been received over 90 per The assets have been acquired cent of the ordinary and the with effect from Oct. 1, 1983; deferred shares of Parker, the total value price is £756,000. Tarmac Roadstone intends to satisfied by the issue of 1.8 compulsorily acquire the million shares int TR. This will remainder. be about 8.3 per cent of the Watsham's reports enlarged capital. Completion is

pretax profits rose from £537.000 to £603.000 in the • Hill and Smith Holdings: Mr John Silk, the chairman, half-year to September 30, 1983. Turnover expanded from reports in his annual statement £2.92m to £3.43m. The interim that steel stock-holding remains payment, net, is going up from 3.75p to 4.12p a share; earnings per share rose from 12.5p to in a depressed state. This division will, at best, make only
a small contribution to the 14p. Watsham's makes prodprofit for the first half-year and there is nothing to indicate that there will be any significant ucts for optical instrumen-tation and industrial safety

 Bell Resources/BHP: The Demand for Hill's fabricated partial bid for Broken Hill Proprietary of Australia by Bell products in the form of road Resources will close on Monday with about 8 million acceptances. The tender offer for 16 million shares will end after five present levels, the contribution for the year from the fabrication trading days, regardless of the outcome of BHP's challenge to the bid in the Victorian record sales and earnings for the Supreme Court.

fourth quarter and the year. In 1983, sales rose 7 per cent ◆ Don Brothers, Buist: Half-year to Nov 25, 1983. Interim payment raised from 1.25p to 1.5p net a share. Figures in to \$1,768.9m (£1,210m), Excluding the effect of exchange rate fluctuation, sales would have increased by 12 per cent in 1983. Profit from operations rose 22 per cent to \$255.6m and £000. Turnover 17,095 (12,603). Trading profit 784 (320). Grants 75 (77). Pretax profit 859 (397). Tax 447 (169). Earnings per ordinary share 6.3p (3.5p).

#### Electrolux in talks on TI merger

By Andrew Cornellus

II Group, one of Britain's leading engineering companies, and Electrolux, the Swedish white goods manufacturer, are discussing a possible merger of their domestic appliance interests.

Sir Brian Kellett, chairman of TL, met Mr Werthen, chairman of Electrolux, for preliminary discussions in London yesterday. Electring, confirmed at the meeting that it is the mystery bidder behind the recent rising TI share price and has acquired a 3 per cent stake in the British

Sir Brian said he had been informed that Electrolux had no present intention of adding to its olding or making a takeover bid. The next step would be to establish a joint working group to study possible common interests in the field of domestic appliances. This would be followed by a further meeting between the two chairmen.

TI and Electrolax have cooperated before. TI has marketed Electrolax vacuum cleaners and refrigerators, while Electrolux has marketed II washing machines.

A merger of the two domestic appliance businesses "is obviously possible," said Sir Brian, but warned that "equally nothing may come discussions."

Speculation of a possible takeover bid for TI began two weeks ago after heavy trading of TI shares on the London stock Owens-Illinois.

# Booker sells drink business for £40m

By Jonathan Clare

Booker McConnell has sold was extremely attractive. Look its entire wines, spirits and ing ahead we could see increase liquers business - which ining distribution costs and therefore economies of scal cludes the Tia Maria and Lamb's Navy Rum brands - to could only be achieved within Allied-Lyons for more than bigger business. This mean

This followed an approach by Allied to Booker which has been streamlining its business to concentrate on food distribution, agriculture and health The sale will leave Booker.

with a much reduced interest in

the Caribbean, which was once one of its most important trading areas. The City had expected that the drinks interests would be kept alongside the food distri-bution business which includes

Bishops Group stores. Yesterday, Mr Michael Caine, Booker's chairman, said the sale was not opportunistic but resulted from a re-appraisal of the drink business' future.

Rum Merchants and Europea Vintners, for £25.1m casi raised through a placing of 17. the Budgen supermarkets and million shares. It is also buyin Booker's 51 per cent interest in Tia Maria and Estate Industrie for £14.7m but subject to agreement by the Caribbea. minority shareholders which have first refusal on Booker

#### £14.4m United Glass loss

United Glass lost £14.4m last year, it was announced yesterday. The losses compare with a deficit of 15.5m the year and were struck after charging nevments of

United Glass, a big manufacturer of glass and plastic containers, is jointly owned by the Distillers Company and

He said: "The price offered stake. action taken over the last year

> trading conditions which are The glass container division operated profitably during the second half of the year at the trading level.

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#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Hoare Govett names** Hongkong chief

Peter Lord has been appointed managing-director designate based in Hongr.ong, succeeding Mr Nigel Johnson-Hill who is to return to head office in London. Mr M J H Brade has been appointed Hoare Govett's chief representative in Tokyo, replacing Mr Charles Edmonds who is to take up a senior position in the London inter-

Richards, Longstaff (Holdings): Mr A T Stevenson and Mr J Heneghan have joined the company to form a reinsurance

Hoare Govett (Far East): Mr division, and both have been appointed to the board of Richards Longstaff (Insurance) together with Mr R C Rickard. Messers B McKenna, S M Searle, J G Ruck Keene and G G Waison have been appointed directors of Richards, Longstaff Ltd; Mr P D Duckling is to be a director of Richards, Longstaff (Insurance) Overseas Division: Mr P R Churchill and Mr P Peatow are to be directors of Richards, Longstaff (Insurance) and Mr G R W Carter and Mr R M Smith are to be associate directors of Richards, Longstaff

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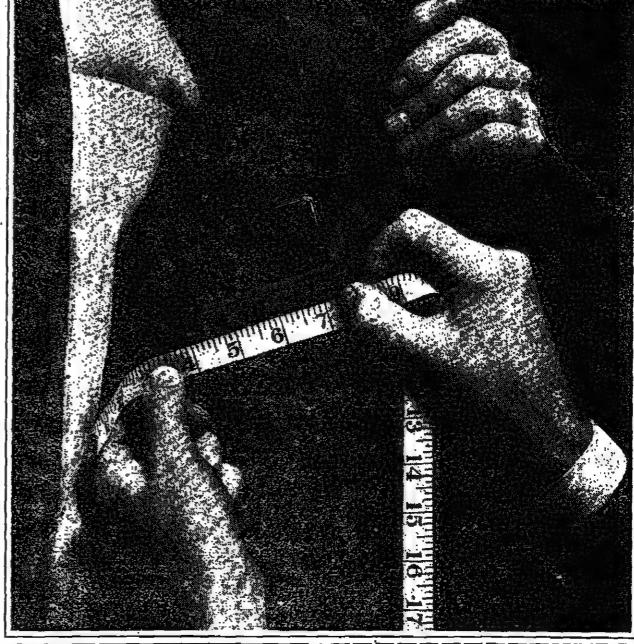
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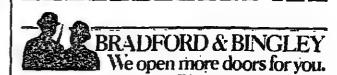
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#### Mortgages

#### **Banks** still offer a better deal

Lower mortgage rates from the building societies now do not look so likely Thus the banks still offer a much more

competitive package.

Most offer 0.25 per cent less than 11.25 per cent that the societies charge. The banks claim that on an APR basis the societies look even less appealing: they say the home owner is in effect paying an extra 0.5 per cent above the quoted building

One of the most attractive aspects of a home loan from the bank is that the banks welcome bigger mortgages and do not charge a premium rate for them as do the building societies. The banks nearly all have a £100,000 loan limit, out so long as the mortgagee can show he can meet repayments and has been a customer of the bank for six months, he can be lent anything up to 80 per cent of the property's value. Bank loans may also take less time to arrange than the average building society loan.

One snag of going to your bank, though, is that there is an arrangement fee which the building societies do not charge. Barclays says that about 20 per cent of its mortgages are for £60,000 and above, and will lend up to 2½ times the main

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institute of Chartered Accountants under institute of Chartered Accountants under the title Fringe Benefits.

The current United Kingdom taxation of fringe benefits is dealt with in detail – particularly the taxation of motor cars and fuel, beneficial loan arrangements and share acquisitions together with

The booklet (56 pages) is available from the Publications Department, The Institute of Chartered Accountants, PO

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recent amendments to the law on scholarships provision and payment of directors' PAYE.

#### Fringe benefits Luncheon vouchers, free parking in the office car park, a company flat, medical fees insurance – these and other perks are reviewed in the latest guide from the institute of Chartered Accounterts, under Society mergers

The number of building society mergers continues to escalate and is likely to increase still further after the enforced closure of New Cross. Thurs were 273 societies at the end of 1981. The total dropped to 227 by the end of 1983.

#### Bonus at the Co-op

It's amazing what some people will do to save money, likeston Co-op offers members a 10 per cent reduction on holidays booked through its travel department. In addition, members get a £5 voucher usable in the "non-food" division of the society, for every £50 spent on the holiday.

"We regularly book summer cruises to the Caribbean for a member who lives in Andorra and this one member bravelled from inverness, where he lived, to ilkeston to pick up his free video -cassette recorder said Mr Kenneth Scott Skipton Building Society is one of the latest - albeit smallest - building societies to offer credit cards to its members. Skipton is linking up with Bardaycard to give members 24 hours a day access to cash through the Bardays automated tellar machines.

of the likestone Co-op.
"He clearly thought that in spite of the distance he had to cover, it was worthwhile booking his holiday with us rather than with his local travel agent."

#### insurance drive

Monday sees the start of Motor Insurance Week, sponsored by the British Insurance Brokers Association (Biba) to encourage motorists to discuss their insurance needs with an insurance

Mr Michael Morris, director-general of Biba, said: "There are about 20 million licensed vehicles on the roads in Britain today, and each must by law be driven only by someone who has insured his liability against injuries to a third party, including his passengers. By far the best person to find the right policy at the right price for any particular driver is an insurance broker."

#### Long loans

A three-year income bond paying 8.25 A three-year income pond paying 8.25 per cent net of basic rate tax is available from the insurers British National Life with 9 per cent on offer for six, seven and eight-year investments, Details from British National Life Assurance Company, British National House, Harlands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 17D.



The new silver dollar from the Royal Canadian Mint

#### Silver dollar

The Royal Canadian Mint issues a silver dollar annually and this year's coin marks the 150th anniversary of Toronto. The coin, which costs £18.50 for a proof coin or £13.50 for brilliant (extra shirty), shows the Toronto skyline with the distinctive. CN tower – the Canadian version of the Post Office tower.

The coin will be minted until the end of November. In the Cueen's silver jubilee year, 700,000 were minted but last year when the coin celebrated university students' sports only 340,000 were produced. Students are not too popular with a mismeticits.

The 23.33 gramme coins are half saver and half copper and are being marketed in Britain by direct mall advertising.

#### Guide to listing

It's much cheaper to be quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market than to go for a full Stock Exchange listing. Arthur Andersen, the accountant, has just updated its excellent Guide to the Unlisted Securities Market which provides background information and invited Securities for eletrician is technical requirements for obtaining a USM guote.

The guide looks at the tax advantages and accounting and reporting requirements as well as the practical available from Arthur Andersen's Publications Department, 1 Surrey Street, WC2R 2PS.

#### Golden future

The price of gold has bottomed out, according to Mr Michael Long of the stockbrokers Sheppards & Chase.
Although a strong dollar, low inflation

Although a strong dollar, low inflation and high interest rates at present dominate the market, Mr Long believes the gold price may be set to turn.

Assuming there is a correlation between the price of gold and the strength of te obliar, the latter's decline is inevitable against the backdrop of a record US Federal deficit of \$200,000m (£138,000m) and a record trading deficit of at least \$100,000m. Mr Long says in this month's Krugerrand Bulletin. Mr Long believes that the consequence will be a dollar that will fall out of favour, setting the scene for a steady setting the scene for a steady appreciation in the gold price this year.

#### Hospital on the BES

An investment in a private hospital at Little Aston, Staffordshire, is the latest deal seeking finance under the Business Expansion Scheme. Guinness Mahon is issuing the prospectus, which is offering 1.3 million £1 shares at £1.80 each. Tax relief is available on up to 240,000 invested in a BES scheme. The offer will close no later than March 30.

Policy sale The auctioneers Foster and Cranfield are holding one of their periodic sales of life assurance policies, annuities and interests in trusts on Thursday. At these sales beneficiaries of trusts are prepared to self their interests, policyholders put their life assurance up for sale to the highest bidder rather than surrender it, and the buyer can acquire an interest in someone else's life policy or family trust. Full details from Foster and Cranfield, 6 Poultry, London EC2R SET.

#### Disability plea

The cost of raising a mentally-handicapped child can be as high as £130,000, reports the Disablement Income Group, compared with £70,000 for a non-disabled child, The group is calling for a "national disability income"to compensate perents.

#### Lagging behind

Insurance brokers are behind other industries in the use of new technology, according to a survey by Taylor Nelson Financial.

It says that insurance brokers' usage and planning for computer-based quotes compares unfavourably with other industries such as travel agents.

The survey says that "aithough there has been considerable publicity and discussion about computer-based quoting, and facilities have been available for years through bureaux or to

The survey, which covers both registered brokers and non-registered insurance consultants, adds that computer quoting is used more by brokers in the North of England and Scotland than in other parts of the country. "But less surprisingly, it was used more for general insurance quotes than for life assurance."

#### Pensions warning

One third of the country's self-employed could face a harsh retirement because they have no pension, according to a survey commissioned by Commercial Union.

A total of 35 per cent of the country's

A total of 35 per cent of the country's self-employed have no pension to look forward to and more than 20 per cent of those with pension plans are not putting enough into them, the survey reveals.

Clearly a high proportion of the 35 per cent who are currently making no provision for retirement will be at the lower end of the age scale – almost certainly under the age of 40. But it has been calculated that unless you put away in a pension plan the maximum allowable the age of 44, a self-employed person cannot hope to retire on the two-thirds final salary that employed person cannot hope to retire on the two-thirds final salary that employed people may

enjoy. 
"From our survey, most self-employed people appear to expect 60 to 70 per cent of their pre-retirement earnings as a pension, but few are making the present, but lew at least government to provide this." commented Mr Peter Ward, of Commercial Union.

#### Taxing the poor

The poor in Britain are taxed more heavity than anywhere else in Europe, according to a Low Pay Unit report, which shows that taxes have reached record levels, and that most of this record levels, and that must or this increased tax burden has fallen on those with below-average earnings. The report says: "While the wealthy have enjoyed substantial tax cuts, the number of families caupit in the poverty trap has

more than doubled." Setting the Record Straight, available from the Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, London W1V SDT, price £1.20 including

#### **Hints for elderly**

Given the choice, most people would prefer to stay put in their own homes as they get older, rather than go to an old people's institution.

Help for Older Home Owners, published by Age Concern, gives useful hints on repairs and maintenance, heating and insulation, adaptations to make life against the raising the finance. make life easier, the raising the finance for essentials. It also contains a useful list of addresses and is available from the Marketing Department, Age Concern, 80 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR431 (price 55p including post).

#### Trusts for income

Two unit trusts designed to provide income and capital growth have been launched this week - Warburg's Mercury. Income Fund and Save & Prosper's American Income and Growth Fund,

Warburg's fund aims to produce its income and growth mainly from British equities, while the Save & Prosper fund will be invested in US convertible bonds, preference shares adn traded options. Convertibles are less volatile than the underlying ordinary shares and should give investors the opportunity for steady income and capital growth.

The Save & Prosper fund will be

invested largely in technology, health care, specialist retailing, entertainment and cyclical stocks, and will be 50 per cent hedged against currency Initial gross yield on the Mercury fund

will be 6 per cent, while Save & Prosper a going for 5.5 per cent on its trust.

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#### Investment

#### Offshore funds win tax relief Venture capital funds were

Investors in offshore commodity and venture capital funds have been granted sub-stantial relief from the draco-nian measures introduced as part of the clampdown on tax The tax changes introduced last November were disigned to

stem the massive export of capital into the offshore "rollup" funds which turned highly-taxed income into capital gains. But because they applied to all offshore funds, they had the effect of making commodity funds and venture capital funds so unattractive to private investors that fund managers feared wholesale withdrawals.

Under the changes undis-tributed income "rolled up" within the fund was subject to income tax rates, rather than capital gains tax rates But modifications announced

this week by Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, mean that only half the profits from commodity trading will have to be distributed and taxed as income. The remaining 50 per cent will be ico up as delore and laxed a the more advantageous capital

caught by the requirement that not more than 10 per cent of their portfolio could be invested in any one company, if they wanted to qualify for exemption from the new regulations and obtain "distributor" status. Distributor status is an

Inland Revenue clean bill of health which certifies that they are distributing all thier income and not rolling it up, and gives the fund expemption from the new rules. From now, it will be possible to take a stake in any non-financial company which at the time of the investment being make, is valued at no more than 20 per cent of the Offshore feeder funds which

channel money into other to offshore funds will be permitted to qualify for "distributor?" status and so too will funds with subsidiary management com

This is the first time that commodities have been granted favourable tax treatment commented Mr Roger Butlen. ation of Commodity Associ-

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#### FAMILY MONEY

Building societies

# Tax ruling dashes loan rate hopes

The tax bombshell dropped out of the blue on building societies is bad news for both

Revenue moves will be drather the investment rate by 0.75 per cent, the maximum we could hope to reduce the mortgage building society investors and borrowers. At worst it could much as 1 per cent, com-mean a 1 per cent cut in the mented one building society The investment rate from 7.25 per cent to 6.25 per cent with little or nor change for borrowers, who currently pay 11.25 per cent for home loans.

societies is going to be pretty substantial," commented Mr Brian Phillips, Nationwide Building Society's finance manager. "It is incredible that this decision has been taken without any consultation with

form of a letter from the Inland Revenue on Thursday announc-In the event, the decision was ing tax changes in the way building society's profits on Government stocks are treated. As a result, building societies estimate that their tax bill will more than double over the coming 12 months. That money can only come out of the pockets of building society savers and borrowers, and the likelihood of a substantial cut in home loan rates after the Budget is now very dim indeed. What the Inland Revenue has

said is that building societies will no longer pay capital gains tax on gilt profits. These will in future be taxed as trading profits at the special building society rate of 40 per cent.

Since most building societies off the investment rate", commanaged to avoid CGT on gilt mented Mr Jim Birrell of profits by hanging on to their Ciovernment stocks for the would produce an investment requisite year and a day (after rate of 6.5 per cent with institut which there is no liability to homebuyers paying 10.25 per special CGT), the effect of the Inland cent. "If we feel we want to cut enjoy.

to widen our margins by as rate now would be 0.5 per chief though the general feeling is that it will be somewhere between 0.5 per cent and 0.75 per cent

"The effect on building have been under pressure for rieties is going to be pretty some time with the introduc-Building society margins tion of 7-day and 28-day premium shares pushing up the average cost of societies' money. At this month's meeting of the Building Societies Associ-ation Council, there was con-siderable pressure to change The bombshell arrived in the rates there and then to widen

> postponed until after the Budget on March 13 to ensure that the Chancellor's pronouncements held no nasties for the societies. Even before this latest bombshell, they were looking for a 0.25 per cent improvement in their margins, and the extra tax charge will push this figure up to at least 0.5 per cent - possibly

0.75 per cent.
This could mean that the 1 per cent cut in home loan rates that some of the more aggressive building societies were looking for, will now be no more than 0.5 per cent.

"The interest rate hawks were looking for 1 per cent off the mortgage rate and 0.75 per cent would produce an investment rate of 6.5 per cent with

hope to reduce the mortgage

The most likely rate structure after the Budget will be a 10.75 per cent mortgage rate with a 6.25 per cent investment rate which would give the societies the 0.5 per cent improvements in their margins that they now need. The big dilemma is whether an investmet rate of 6.25 per cent with well over half of investors earning 7.25 per cent on "extra interest" accounts will produce sufficient cash to meet mortgage demand.

The grossed-up equivalent of an ordinary share rate of 6.25 per cent is only 8.9 per cent. The effect of such a rate structure would be to precipitate an outflow of money into National Savings Bank invest-ment accounts which currently pay 11 per cent, or a wholesale switch from building society accounts into premium accounts paying 7.25 per cent, which again would destroy the societies operating margins,

More significantly, there are those who are interpreting the Inland Revenue's moves as a prefude to a hefty tax on bank profits in the Budget, and a possible abolition of the composite rate of tax paid by building societies. It is thought that the main trust of the Chancellor's Budget changes will be towards, equalizing the tax treatment of financial institutions to do away with the special advantages that some



### Shake-up for gilt market

The Inland Revenue's unexpected tax bill for the building societics could have a significant effect on the gilt market, gilt unit trusts and gilt investors. Building societies hold approximately 25 per cent of all short dated government stocks these investments will precipitate a fundamental review of the

societies; gilt portfolios.

sal mean for gilt investors? The that a dealing profits will be seen as yet another nail in the tax avoidance coffin.

No matter what happens in the gilts market the capital growth gilt unit trusts have seen their heyday. The Inland Revenue has warned managers that what might such a reappraiwill be classified as dealers, and the small private investor,

Inland Revenue's move to tax charged corporation tax rather societies' gilt dealing profits at than being completely tax free - the special 40 per cent rate is a similar situation to that now imposed on the building

As the climate of competition bots up on the Stock exchange and large institutions find they can negotiate lower dealing costs, then brokers' running





Griff Rhys-Jones in Charley's Aunt and Ben Kingsley in Edmund Kean - both Lyric productions which went to the West End

# Investors offered a West End gamble

The Lyric Theatre, Hammer-smith, one of London's best-company under the Business known community playhouses, is raising £100,000 to enable it to stage its most successful production in the West End. Theatre-lovers are invited to invest in the thrills and spills of West End theatre production through the Business Expansion Scheme - and get tax relief while doing it.

The Lyric is a charity subsidised by the borough of Hammersmith and the Greater London Council and is not permitted to take on the considerable financial risks of transferring a show to the West cally."

on outside commercial manageformed Lyric Hammersmith Productions, a purely commer-cial company to reap more of the rewards. And, of course, more of the risks.

The Lyric's administrator, Mr Robert Cogo-Fawcett, soid: The Lyric is essentially a community theatrs but we have a very good record of transfers

Expansion Scheme seemed the best way to exploit this success for the benefit of the Lyric itself. and investors.

"If we raise enough money to handle West End productions ourselves, we won't have to rely on a producer taking a liking to a show. We will be able to attract a better creative team if they know the play has a good chance of going to the West End under our own steam. Because we ourselves will be producing or co-producing we can plan a transfer much more economi-

In the past it has had to rely all the profits if the show is a success. This will benefit the, ments to do this in return for a Lyric because it has a quarter modest fee and a small share of shareholding." The company is the royalties or profits. So it has already halfway to its £100,000 target

> But backing West End productions can be hazardous as Mr Cogo-Fawcett is the first to admit, though the new BES scheme is probably less risky for investors than the traditional "Angel" system.

"We tried to get away from the angel concept," he says.

"Investment in this company is rest have broken even. But Mr Running costs of £1.600 a week not linked to any one particular Cogo-Fawcett says the Lyric would again be split with the conot linked to any one particular production - we expect to transfer about three plays to the West End each year."

Angels put all their eggs in one basket and the profits are split 60-40 between them and the producer. The new company will get 100 per cent of the net profits - after the Lyric has received its usual fee and royalties.

Because it is done through Business Expansion Scheme, investors can get full tax relief on the money they put in - quite different from the angel system where there are no tax concessions. Shares are £1 each and the minimum holding .is £500.

The new play opening at the Lyric next week, The Man Who Fell in Lore With His Wife starring Tom Bell, is expected to be one of the first productions going to the West End under the new scheme. The Lyric can point to a string of past successes.

does not plan its programmes with the West End uppermost in mind. "We don't intend to depart from our community function here. It's just that so many of our productions seem to have a life of their own. attracting much more general

Recentifiansfers have included plays as diverse as Charley's Aunt and Miss Julie. "We were lucky with our production of Kean which started Ben Kingsley, and it's got a lot of attention because of Gandhi and the Oscar."

Critical success and profits, however, are not the same thing. What about the wellknown risks involved in theatre production? The new company does not intend to sink more than half its capital in any single production. In fact it will probably share the burdens of financing most transfers with another commercial producer. which again reduces the risk.

Eleven Lyric productions For instance, the cost of have gone to the West End in transferring a play could be the last four years – about a £60,000, of which the new third have made a profit, the company would put up half,

If the play managed 60 per cent capacity audience for 26 weeks, there could be a very healthy profit of nearly £100,000, half of which would go to the new company, which would be a good return on its original £30,000 outlay.

the play hopped nowever, it would lose that £30,000 plus the running costs for however long it was on. "In reality, we could never lose a very large amount." says Mr Cogo-Fawcett. "If you are losing money you just close down." money, you just close down."

Investment Hammersmith Productions is subject to the usual rules of the Busines Expansion Scheme. You can obtain full tax relief on up to £40,000 a year invested. The shares must be held for five years. Details are available from the Company Secretary, Lyric Hammersmith Productions. Lyric Theatre, King Street. Hammersmith, London,

Margaret Drummond

# New from Save & Prosper

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Unit trusts investing in America have almost always aimed exclusively for capital growth. Now, Save & Prosper American Income & Growth Fund offers you the opportunity to secure a high income from US securities and to enjoy excellent prospects for capital growth. The Fund's high yield should make it of special interest to trustee investors.



#### ESTIMATED GROSS STARTING YIELD

The Fund will have an estimated gross starting yield 50% higher than typical US runds (5 times higher than most) and greater than the F.T.A. All-Share Index.

The Fund will invest across a broad range of higher-yielding securities, but mainly in convertible bonds of companies in selected growth sectors of the economy. As explained below, this should mean that the Fund involves a lower element of risk than a fund invested solely in equities, while still offering significant growth potential.

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In March 1964 we launched the first authorised British unit trust to invest solely in the USA. Subsequently 60 similar funds were launched but Save & Prosper US Growth Fund remains the largest of its kind.

We believe that American Income & Growth Fund will prove to be equally important in opening up new opportunities.

convertible market. During 1983 the number of new issues was more than 50% up on 1982 and we expect further increases in 1984, including a good number of the newer growth companies. The importance of convertibles is likely to increase sharply for four main 1. They offer a high level of income with

long-term capital growth prospects. 2. Their price can increase both when interest rates fall and when the corresponding ordinary share price rises. 3. They provide more secure income than equities should the market fall. 4. They are less volatile than ordinary

#### HOW THE FUND WILL INVEST

The Managers will invest in five main types of securities: US convertible bonds-Fixed-interest

securities offering the option to convert into ordinary shares at a fixed price over a specified period.

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It is anticipated that equity-linked investments will initially be made in the following industry sectors:

Technology Healthcare Specialist Retailing Cyclicals Leisure Industries

To reduce the effect of any exchange rate fluctuations the Fund will initially be hedged 50% against the US dollar through the use of back-to-back loans. This proportion will be kept under constant review.

#### A GOOD TIME TO INVEST After the marked gains on

US stock markets up to June 1983, prices of many stocks have fallen significantly. At these levels, the US market provides significantly better value than many other world markets. Although the strength of the dollar and high interest rates may affect the market in the short term. looking further ahead, we believe that it will regain its momentum and that early 1984 will be seen to have been a good time to invest.

#### **ABOUT SAVE & PROSPER**

Save & Prosper Group was founded in 1934 and in addition to being Britain's largest unit trust group is also a major force in life assurance, pensions and annuities. On 1st January 1984 the Group managed £1,850 million.

#### **APPLY NOW!**

To invest, complete and return the coupon together with your cheque. Units in the Fund are offered at a fixed price of 50p until 16th March 1984.

Remember that the price of units and the income from them may go down as well



**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

OBJECTIVE To provide a portfolio of higher-yielding securities invested in the growth areas of the United States

DEALING IN UNITS Units may normally be bought or sold on any working day. Certificates will normally be forwarded within 14 days. When units are sold back to the Managers, payment is normally made within 7 days of our receiving renounced certificates. Prices and the yield are quoted in

NET INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS 15th June and 15th December each year, beginning on 15th December 1984: CHARGES Initial charge 5¼% plus a rounding of the lower of 1% or 1.25p per unit, which is included in the offer price of units. Remuneration (at rates available on request) will be paid to authorised professional advisers. Annual charge: 1% of the value of the Fund plus VAT (with a permitted maximum of 1½% plus VAT). This is deducted from the Fund's assets to meet

Managers' expenses including Trustee's fees.

INVESTMENT POWERS Under the Trust Deed the Managers may purchase and write traded ontions, subject to the limitations laid down by the Department of Trade & Industry.

SAFEGUARDS The Fund is authorised by the Secretary of State for

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US Growth Fund. particularly for investment in the US American Income & Growth Fund M&G Recovery Fund is probably the most successful unit trust ever launched. The evidence in the table demonstrates just how well it has achieved its aim of longterm capital growth. We believe the reason for its success has been firm adherence to its original philosophy:

#### "Today's least-favoured shares can be tomorrow's most

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Past performance should be used only as a guide and is no guarantee for the future.

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On 22nd February 1984 the estimated current gross yield was 3,08% at an offered price of Accumulation units of 253.9p. Prices and yields appear daily in the F.T. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price; an annual charge of up to 1% (currently limited to 3/4%) plus VAT of the value of the Fund is deducted from gross income. Distributions for Income units are paid on 20th February and 20th August (next distribution for new investors: 20th August 1984). You can buy or self units on any business day and contracts for purchase or sale will be due for settlement 2 or 3 weeks later. Remuneration is payable to accredited agents at rates available on request. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited. The fund is a wider-range investment and is authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade

M&G Securities Limited, Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ. Telephone: 01-626 4588.

THE EVIDENCE £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund compared with the F.T. Indices, the Retail Price Index and an extra-interest account in a Building Society offering 2% above the average yearly rate.

Year to 31st Dec.	M&G Recovery Fund	f 1. Ordinary Index			Building Society
May 1969	£10,000 £10,000		£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1969	11,360	9,807	9,978	10,219	10,403
1970	11,760	8,570	9,584	11,020	11,144
1971	19,200	12,110	13,842	12.012	11,937
1972	26,640	13,006	15,808	12,930	12,788
1973			14,300	13,908	
1974	1 15,120 4,637 5,258 17,041		17,041	15,261	
1975	26,400 11,121 12,998 21,283		16,699		
1976	<b>27,200</b> 10,835 12,887 24,490		18,222		
1977	59,600	15,680	19,223	27,464	19,899
1978	74,240	15,688	20,400	29.781	21,582
1979	89,200	14,498	22.110	34,898	23,899
1980	102,560		17,287 29,112		26,980
1981	120,000	20,209	32,582	45.015	30,046
1982	114,240	23,539	41,371	47.449	33.293
1983	162,720	31,638	52,593	49,971	36,270

NOTES Figures for M&G Recovery, the F.T. Indices and a Building Society include reinvested net income. M&G Recovery Fund was launched on 23rd May, 1969, and all these figures start at that date. Figures for M&G Recovery show the realisation values

#### SPECIAL OFFER CLOSES 5th APRIL

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Age at	Percentage of each monthly payment available for investment						
start	£15-£19	£20-£39	£40 upwards				
Up to 35	114.1%	117.6%	-121.1%				
35 to 40	112.9%	118.4%	120.0%				
45	110.5%	114.1%	117.6%				
50	105.8%	109.4%	112.9%				
55-62	98.8%	102.3%	105.8%				
65	102.3%	105.8%	109.4%				
70-75	108.2%	111.7%	115.2%				

normal terms and tax rebet at 15° if the rate of tax reset changes, the net amount you pay will change accordingly Percentages for intermediate ages fall between the figures shown and are available on request. You can benefit from lar relief provided your total life assurance premiums do not exceed the greater of £1,500 p.a. or one-sorth of your total income.

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#### **Building societies**

# Extra interest accounts may lose attraction

happens to building society interest rates has been postponed until the Budger, on March 13, it is a good time to look at the range of extra

Most building societies do not undertake to peg the extra interest accounts to the basic share account rate - but on the whole they do. And when interest rates come down, as they probably will, the extra interest accounts may be made relatively less attractive. Building Socicites now have less than half their investors' money in ordinary share accounts which means that their margins are being eroded.

The latest to enter the leapfrog race to keep ahead of the competition is the Yorkshire Building Society which has polished up its Diamond Key account. The rate of interest has been raised from 8.5 per cent to 8.75 per cent and the period of notice has been reduced from

60 to 28 days.

When the Diamond Key account was launched last May it was clearly a best buy and the Yorkshire now has 40,000

While the question of what Diamond Key holders. £262m.

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attracted such a flood of funds that the Yorkshire was able to increase its mortgage lending last year by 32 per cent to short sales. We can afford to make these account allows instant with a penalty of 60 days' interest. The minimum needed to open one

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	Interest Rate	Minimum Invitment		Rate	luv, lusu luv, lusu
Abbey National	8.25	£100	Alliance	8.50	2500
Affiance	8.25	£250	Barnsley	8.50	€500
Solion	8.25	2500	Bolton	8.75	21,000
Britannia	8.25	£1,000	Chesbunt	8.50	£500
Chatham Reliance	B.25	£500	Halifax	8.50	€500
*Cheltenham &	0.00	2000	London Permanent	8.50	£100
Gloucester	8.25	£5.000	Market Harborough	8.40	-
Cheshire	8.25	6500	Marsden	8.60	21,000
East Surrey	8.30		Middleton	8.60	-
Halitax	8.25	£500	National &		
Heart of England	8.25	£100	Provincial	8.50	£500
Midshires	8.25	£500	National Counties	9.10	21,000
Northern Rock	8.25	£1,000	North of England	8.50	_
Principality	8.25	_	Northern Rock	8.75	£1,000
Town & Country	8.50	2500	Norwich	8.50	£1,000
Universal	8.25	£500	Paddington	8.75 .	£500
Western Counties	8.25	2500	Portsmouth	8.50	21,000
Woolwich Equitable		£500	<b>Property Owners</b>	6.75	€500
			St Pancras	8.60	21,000
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from Heart of Engli	and, whic	th requires	Yorkshire	8.75	£500
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minimum needed to open one of these accounts is £500 and interest can be taken monthly. It will then be transferred into your bank account or share account It would be too expensive for the building society to add it to the Diamond Account monthly. But if interest is taken only annually it is then added to the account

There are several other building society accounts now offering 8.75 per cent interest. The Northern Rock Premium Moneyspinner account has no set notice period but each withdrawal is subject to a penalty of 28 days' notice. The minunum investment in this account is £1,000.

The Abbey National Higher Interest Account, the Parking ton Building Society and Property Owners Building Society all require a minimum deposit of £500 for their accounts paying 8.75 per cent.

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#### Investment

# All taped but is the advice good?

investment business? Investors and advisers are on the receiving end of a new kind of marketing - phone-in services, promotional tapes and video packs. The unit trust group Henderson this week launched what it rather grandly bills as a new investment advice service (01-673 8756). Advice consists of a boost for the group's view of Singapore and Malaysia

Henderson's marketing director Mr Peter Pearson-Lund says: "We have no direct sales force so a phone-in service is a good way of communicating with investors. Over 500 people phoned in last weekend." But are they given real advice or just an advertisement?.

Henderson promised that future editions of their Henderson's Hotline will give views on different markets and sectors; recommeding when to get out as

well as when to get in.

Britannia Unit Trust Group has been running its Viewpoint Service for some time (01-673 0048). That too says it is an investment advisory service. But callers last week were advised simply to climb aboard the latest Britannia product. Mr Richard Bagge, a Britan-nia director, says: "We have had 30,000 calls on Viewpoint.

We don't always talk about a specific fund. Past recordings have given our general market views. We recently said that technology funds were looking Viewpoint's success has inspired a new marketing ploy - a 20 minute video. For £2

investors can see real life fund managers discussing their wares. The best investment may be the tape itself which you can

originally destined for intermediaries such as insurance brokers through whom so much unit trust business is conducted. Henderson already sends them regular tape recordings lasting

over an hour. Mr Tony Doggart, marketing director of Save & Prosper, pinpoints what may be the main flaw in the strategy. "I think it's very difficult to make this sort of thing required viewing or listening. And you can't even bribe them with lunch Save & Prosper, it must be

said, has made the most substantial investment videos to date. It recently lauched the first three in what it hopes will be a series of hour long films, each dealing with a specific personal finance topic. I looked at Ten Ways To Save Tax. That is so far proving the most popular and it was

extremely well done. The drawback however is the price the videos are £17.95 each.

Mr Doggart says: "We believe there is a do it yourself market and that people will be prepared to pay for proper impartial advice. We took a deliberate decision not to mention our products in the

video.

Most bizarre of the new wave services must be Legal & General's Pensions Newline (07373-60615). Callers are greeted with music no less. But it has been amazingly successful says Mr Ron Spill of Legal & General. "Basically the service is designed to help professionals keep tabs on what is going on. We aim to give the views straight - but if Legal & General has an opinion we will give that too.

**Margaret Drummond** 

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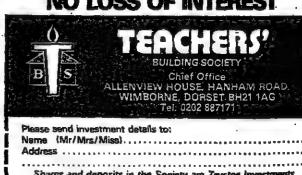
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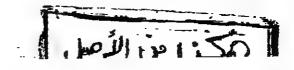
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#### **FAMILY MONEY**



# How granny is losing her obvious charms

Last month alone about £15m worth of granny bonds (index-linked National Savings Certificates) were cashed in as investors saw inflation falling and the value of their social actions are offering a higher return, not to mention savings

National Savings Certificates, better known as granny bonds, will find the repayment values of their holdings are slightly lower next mouth than this month. This is because the Retail Prices Index has eased from 342.8 to 342.6, in the

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There is no cause for panic. For a £100 certificate, the difference in value will be less than the price of a Mars Bar. But it is timely to look again at granny bonds and their place on the investment scene.

During the period of double--figure inflation in the late 1970s and early 1980s, granny bonds were a best buy. Now the arguments for holding them are much less clear cut.

Granny bonds do not interest as such. The main key to their value in the movement of the Retail Prices Index. If the index goes up by 15 per cent in a year, the money value of grany bonds will also rise by 15 per cent, and appears to be holding steady. With building societies offering 8.25 per cent present levels. on seven-day accounts, granny bonds are begining to look

has become the victim of its own success. The appeal of bonds has weakened, because it has been able to bring inflation down and

The latest figures from National Savings show that while most forms of National Savings are doing well, more than £50m went out of granny bonds last month alone.

added to the value of granny bonds, the outflow would doubtless have been greater. For high-rate taxpayers, granny bonds - are still a teasonable proposition. The

of income tax and capital gains

unattractive.

is constantly proclaiming its resolve to reduce it further.

Without the 2.4 per cent supplements that have been

index-linked tax. For a 50 per cent taxpayer, the prospective return of about 7.5 per cent, inflation of 5.1 per cent. plus the 2.4 per cent supplement, grosses up to 15

per cent. For anyone paying tax at the top rate of 75 per cent, including investment income surcharge, the grossed-up yield would be 30 per cent. The only competitor for these savers is 26th Issue National Savings Certificates which pay 8.26 per cent tax free over five years.

Non-taxpayers can do better by switching into another kind of National Savings. The lacome Bond, Deposit Bond and Investment Account are all paying 11 per cent or more, without deduction of tax at source. This is in contrast to the building societies, which pay tax which the investor cannot

Before granny bonds become attractive to non-taxpayers, either inflation would have to rise sharply again, or interest rates on other forms of savings would have to drop well below

Basic-rate taxpayers face a return for non-taxpayers and more difficult choice. Their basic rate taxpayers — in the return, grossed up, is about 10.7 shorter term at least.

Investors who do begin to think in terms of encashing their granny bonds should keep secondary factors in mind. A bonus of 4 per cent of purchase price is added after five years. so anyone whose granny bonds are coming up to their fifth anniversary should wait for that date to arrive. The 2.4 per cent supplement for 1983-84 is only

payable if the certificates are held until November 1. As the autumn approaches, the Government will have to decide its policy on further supplements. This decision will be influenced by the trend of inflation and on the returns obtainable on other forms of

savings. Assuming that the Government wants to keep money in granny bonds and thus avoid some possibly embarrassing refunding, it will have to pitch any future supplements at a

level that will give granny bond holders a market rate of return. However, with all the esti-mates for inflation settling in the 5 to 6 per cent range, other investments will show a better

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#### Compensation

# Court victory on investment advice will open floodgates

investors was gained in the courts last week when Mr David Craven of Grimsby won his case for compensation for bad investment advice against Lawson Insurance Consultants of Grimsby.

Lawson Insurance Consultants, Mr Craven invested £1,500 in Signal Life Gilt Bonds. Gibraltar-based Signal Life failed in August 1982 owing an estimated £6m to investors. Be-cause it was an offshore insurance company investors were not entitled to any were not entitled to any compensation under the Policyholders Protection Act. The more fortunate majority who had invested in Signal Life Gold Bonds were very promptly compensated by trustees to the fund, Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, which paid our more than £4.5m to reimburse these gold bondholders.

But investors like Mr Craven who had invested in the gilt bond got nothing because this fund had no trustee. Many of the intermediaries who sold the bonds were both Registered Brokers and members of the British Insurance Brokers Association, but in most cases investors have not been compensated by their broker.

Mr John Potter, who has been the prime mover in organizing the investors who lost out, said: "This is an important victory for members of the Signal Life Investors

decided on a number of relevant issues, many of which seem common to all cases. It apply to Signal Life - though be was upheld that an intermedi- confirmed that professional was upheld that an intermediary with expertise in the field of negligence (which is the grounds offshore bonds would have been

unlikely to have recommended his claim) would normally be the Signal Life Gilt Bond covered. because the basic arithmetic did Several hundred other not make sense in relation to the commissions paid to the

intermediaries and the accepted definition of gilts." Because of the risks in-On the recommendation of volved, brokers and intermediaries should have taken steps to clarify the trustee issue, by contacting the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank which signal claimed was the trustee. Some intermediaries appear to have done this and did not market the bonds."

However, it looks as though it will be some time before Mr Craven gets his £1,500 (plus interest and costs) reimbursed. "Mr Craven's success will simply open the floodgates". said a worried Mr Lawson, who

has a further £50,000 worth of similar claims outstanding. Although Lawson Insurance Consultants were not registered brokers, they did have pro-fessional indemnity insurance arranged through the Lloyd's

brokers Nelson Hurst and Marsh. But making a claim on the Pl policy will not be straightfor-ward. "We have been fighting professional indemnity insurers for more than 18 months' said Mr David Law-

of Lawson Insurance Mr Ron Whitehead of Nelson Hurst and Marsh, who handles Mr Lawson's Pl insurance, was very reluctant to discuss the Action Group.

The outcome of the case was common exclusion in all Pl policies is "insolvency of the insurer" - which clearly could professional

on which Mr Lawson is making

brokers and intermediaries will he anxiously watching what happens next If Mr Lawson's insurance does not pay out he may be forced to go into liquidation - a prospect which many other brokers also face.

In the case of registered insurance brokers, the Insurance Brokers Registration Council grants scheme would come into operation at this point and might reimburse investors. But that is a long way down the line for most small savers and is no help to Mr Craven who bought his bond through an intermediary who was not a registered broker.

This court victory for Signal Life Investors Action Group is only the first - they intend now to bring many more similar actions.

But it highlights some very important points for small investors. First, the apparent inadequacy of intermediaries' professional indemnity insurance as a means of compensating investors.

This is totally unsatisfactory. But more important, it makes

Professor Laurence Gower's recommendation that all investment advisers should have insurance cover look decidedly inadequate. Clearly what is needed is a bonding scheme similar to that run by the Association of British Travel Agents which requires agents to put up a cash bond before they are allowed to go into business. Only such a bonding scheme, with its attendant compensation fund, offers any real protection



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# New owner will turn Butlin's camp into a US-style theme park

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Britain's best known holiday to find a buyer. centres, has been bought by Amusement Enterprises for "some millions". Amusement Enterprises once held concessions at Alton Towers, the amusement park on the Staffordshire borders, and was half a dozen potential bidders for

The Butlin's holiday camp at The deal has been financed chalet accommadtion and was Results from Butlin's on Clacton, Essex has been sold by Amusement Enterprises' probably not making a profit. Thursday showed it made a develop it into theme park An analyst said yesterday. "It based on similar schemes in the probably did not cost them a

-li has a lot of run-down going concern in October.

Brighton pier changes hands By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor Brighton's Palace Pier, now Then talks started with Noble.

Considerable restoration will

nearly 90 years old, has been which yesterday would say only said it had no detailed plans that a "substantial" price was that a "substantial" price was except that the pier would be modernized without affecting is Wear, a private company which operates amusement areades, be needed on the pier which, bingo halls and cinemas, mostly in the North of England.

Lord Delfont made a bid for the pier, owned by Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Company, through his First Leisure Corporation early this year,

the Rank Organisation to a own resources with backing private company which will develop it into theme park based on similar schemes in the US.

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Noble has been expanding in unlike the derelict West Pier at the South of England over the Brighton, is still operating as a leisure attraction, although its 1,700-scal theatre has been closed since 1975. past five years, with a large leisure development at Margate closed since 1975.

Lord Delfont had anticipated spending several million employs 1,200.

auractive exterior.

#### Racal ship wins first contract

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Racal Electronic Group's latest seismic survey ship, Lady Harrison, has won her contract, just a month being delivered.

A Norwegian oil comp will use the ship to comp about 3.500 kilometres of I resolution, geophysical sur of the Norwegian sector of northern North Sea oilfields

The 55-metre long vessel delivered to Racal in Janu from her Bergen builders her first trial voyage Norway to Aberdeen took I in a Force Ten gale. scientific equipment already been tested in the waters of the Bergen Fjord.

Mr Harry Vagseth of R Survey said: This m contract fully justifies Ra decision to invest in a hi specialised vessel."

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FAMILY MONEY

Employees' benefits

# Birthday top-up for sick pay scheme

Introduction of the "new" sick pay scheme, a year ago in April. qualify for any sick pay at all security benefits shortly before At the moment, this is £32.50, through sickness would never be the same for most people. No longer would they have to go to the Department of Health and Social Security when they felt ill - the money would come from their employers instead.

Employers now pay out at one of three levels of benefit where pay is between £34 and £50.49 a week; £35.45 for people paid between £50.50 and £68 a week; and £42.45 for those earning more than £68. This means an extra £1.35. £1.70, or £2 a week, depending the amount of your wages. On the other hand, people who

Employers can pay more if they wish, but they cannot pay less

weeks in any tax year (April to April), or for a total of eight weeks if the illness crosses two tax years. You cannot get sickness benefit at the same when employees are off sick.
The amount depends on earnings and goes up for the first time from April 6. The new rates from then will be £28.55 eight weeks, they probably eight weeks, they probably never have to go near the DHSS.

> These arrangements do not apply to self-employed people, the unemployed or those who have retired. People on short-term contracts of less than three have got something out of the have retired. People on short-

It means, too, that the days of getting full pay from an employer and then claiming Sick pay lasts for up to eight state sickness benefit on top are gone . . . for the first eight weeks ments this could have been worth an extra £42 a week to a married man.

Another spin-off from the changeover has been that industrial injury benefit, which used to be paid to people hurt at work, has ended. Instead, anyone injured at work simply gets sick pay instead, followed in the normal way by state sickness benefit after the eightweek sick period is up.

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Sick pay now lasts up to eight weeks - in or out of hospital.

fore sick pay came into being, they could get no state help if they fell ill. Now, they get sick

The one exception to this is pay for the first eight weeks of for work injuries. Here a sickness, just like everyone else. married woman who is still sick However, they cannot then get after the eight weeks may be

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The charity, which is con-cerned with the welfare of the elderly, suggests steps for reform of occupational pensions which it claims would solve the early leaver problem without the dangers of portable pen-

The more serious problem, says Age Concern, is that many people are not covered by company schemes and face benefits. The charity is also methods of funding pensions will not be examined.

Age Concern criticizes the proposals because the surance" principle on which pension funds are based could beendangered by allowing some people to organize their own pensions do not offer the security of final salary schemes.

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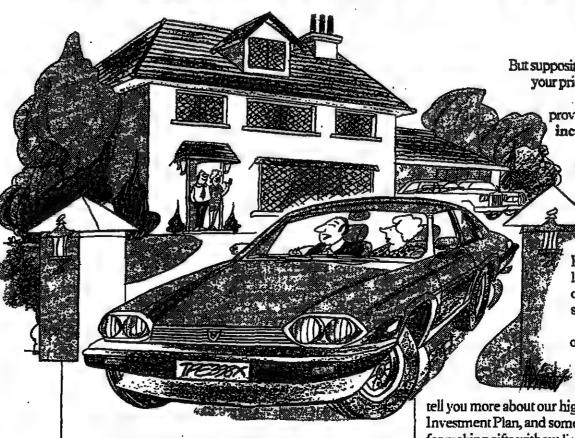
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England were unable to

consider Pearce, the Northamp-

ton prop, who is still plagued by

and ankle injury. He has taken

further specialist advice this

week and is unable to play for

his club in their cup game with London Scottish. Even had Pearce been fit he would have

had trouble in removing Make-

way from the England side

which scrummaged well against

the Irish, while Blakeway also

It seems unlikely that Eng-land would have contemplated

playing Blakeway on the loose

head as an original choice had

White not been available. The

went off.

By David Hands, Rugby Corresponden

Winterbottom to the open-side flank is the only change England make in the side which will play Colclough to be England's cup. . France at Parc des Princes next Saturday. A hip injury pre-vented Winterbottom from which will play Wales in April winning his twelfth successive at the official celebration of the

cap against Ireland last weekend. Cooke, of Harlequins, Studium. played instead, but he now reverts to the replacements.

This means, therefore, that there is no place in the party for Simpson (Bath) though he is one of seven additional for wards who will train with England at Stourbridge on Monday. It remains an arguable point whether the balance in England's back row is yet the correct one. Winterbottom's pace to the ball is not yet matched by his ability to make sure it comes back on his side at the subsequent loose scrum,

Against the French, however. that might not be so vital though there is bound to be the intriguing sight of two blond heads, those of Winterbottom and Rives, tussling for the loose ball. It is an equally intriguing thought that Simpson, having disappeared from England's sky like a comet, has done suffi-

ham. Despite baving another scrum half in the squad, Pontypool bave opted to import Kingston. The repercussions and the controversy

Players' eligibility for

cup may be reviewed

The restoration of Peter ciently well to attract the arranged fixture since Gos-interbottom to the open-side attention of the Welsh, who forth's scheduled opponents, ink is the only change England have invited him. Youngs and Moseley, are involved in the representatives in the Welsh completion of the National

> Both Winterbottom and White have to prove their

#### The team

ENGLAND: W H Hare (Leicester); J Carleton (Orrell), C R Woodward (Leicester), B Harm (Waltefield), R Union word. L Cusworth, N G Youngs (all Leicester), C White (Goslorth), P J Wheeler (Leicester, capt), P J Blakewey (Gloucester), J P Hall (Bath), M J Colclough (Wasps), S J Beinbridge (Goslorth), P J Winterbottom (Headingley), J P Scott (Cardiff), Replacements N C Stringer (Wasps), S Barnes (Bristol), R Hell (Bath), Steve Rectem (Leicester), S G F Mills (Gloucester), D H Cooke (Harlequins).

fitness today. Winterbottom plays in Headingley's back row against Hardepool Rovers and White, who damaged lateral ligaments in his knee against the Irish, props for Gosforth against

the cup. They narrowly bear Pontypool 3-0 two seasons ago and they have to go back to 1977 for their last defeat at home in a cup

#### **England allow Romania** two warm-up games

There is every likelihood that the rule on the eligibility of players for the Weish Cup, which reaches its quarter-final stage today, may have to be reconsidered by the Welsh Rugby Union. The point has arisen over Pontypool's attempts to find a replacement scrum half for this tie in the competition sponsored by Schweppes. They face Llanelli at Stradey Park without their prolific points scored. David Bishop at scrum half. He is under suspension for six weeks after being sent off two weeks ago.

They approached Dave Leveridge, the New Zealand scrum half, who is in this country, to see whether be could play for them. When he was unable to do so, Pontypool then asked Peter Kingston, the former Gloucester player who played five times for England. The connexion is that both he, and Eddie Butler, captain of Pontypool, are teachers in Cheltenham. Despite having another scrum half in the souad. Pontypool have basence, the reports on his fitness have been encouraging. Newbridge have a good record in the cup. They narrowly bear England have acceded to tomania's request for two warm-up umes before their match at wichesham next January, Bob Weighill, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, has announced. But he pointed out that in the future the Romanians will be treated in the same way as the French, who arrive two days before the game and depart

two balves, with a three-mail winter break which badly affects their playing standard. For example

a day after. The Rossminn seasons in split into believe the apposition will be the Northern and the South and South-West divisions.

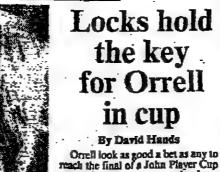
#### New coach for Australia

The Australians will tour Britain next season with a new coach, after the surprise appointment yesterday of Alan Jones, the Manly coach, ahead of Bob Dwyer, coach to the national side for the last two years, (David Hands writes) Jones has had only one year of senior experience, though last seaon he did help Manly to their first champtonship victory since 1950.

Dwyer succeeded Bob Temple-ton, of Queensland, in 1981 and had to cope with the unprecedented situation of taking a team to New Zealand after eight senior players

Despite that his side won one of the three-match international series and many New Zealanders were impressed by the attractive Australian

However, Australia lost both internationals in their recent tour of France and Dwyer did not help his prospects of re-election by resuming as coach to Randwich at the same time as his national commitment. Jones, aged 39, managed New South Wales in 1981 and 1982 and



season and Wasps two.

their leading players, the midfield trio of Davies, Cardus and Williams, all of whom are injured.

without their leading players and it is their forwards who have developed into such a competitive unit this season. Even so, they may

not have run up against a giant-sized pair as the Orrell locks, Cusani

and Kimmins, standing at 6ft 5in

Orrell have already scored 950 points this season, though it is a sign of the times that the Lancashire club

have chosen Burnage on the wing instead of Tanner, their leading try-scorer with 29. Burnage has accumulated 238 points mostly through his accurate kicking and the decision is totally realistic – but still sightly sed.

Bristol. the cup holders, play London Welsh without two of their most experienced forwards, Hesford, the England No 8, and Doubleday, the prop. They will have the services of Barnes, deputy stand-off for England and a key figure is their cup success last season, both for his place kicking and his general play.

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Yet Wasos are used to making do

Winterbottom: tests hip today

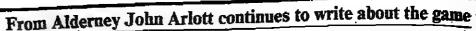
England scientors. Morgan's background as an England player is, of course, well known but some readers may have wiewed with concern a caption proved his versatility by mov-in The Times yesterday alluding ing to loose head after White to Ron Jacobs as president of in The Times yesterday alluding the Welsh Rugby Union. There has been no underhand transfer of affections and Mr Jacobs remains president of the Rugby Football Union.

The forwards who will join present selectors eschew the the England party at Stour-thought of nicking specialists bridge, apart from Rendall and thought of picking specialists Simpson, are Widdecombe (Newport) Cannon (Northampout of position, despite having played Davies at centre this talking of selectors, to mention the light-hearted correspondence received on the subdence received on the subject of will have his two Scottish having a "Welshman", Derek colleagues, Brian Anderson and Morgan, as chairman of the Jim Fleming, as touch judges.

Mr Weighill stressed that the game will be a full international following the example of Scotians and Wales, who had already awarded caps aginst Romania. He said that the RFU have decided to offer the Romanians two divisional sides to play against, we be declined to same them. The Romandam

With Horton back to his best form and Hakin, the Irish lock fit it will be surprising if Bath do not carry too many guns for Blackheath, are treating the game as their most important since the last war, win or the most desired form to think it. lose, and would love to think it would lead to regular fixtures with Bath, whom they have not played since the 1930s. They have three key players back in Wishart (lock). Sellers (prop) and Williams, their

> One of the more unconsidered sides still in the competition are Nothingham who play Moseley at The Reddings, Mockey, though will not take them lightly. They know how consistent Nottingham have hem this scanon and will be thankful both that they have a settled side themselves and that Nothingham are missing two of their Notineham are missing two of their leading forwards, Cook, the captain and flanker, and Nizon. Steven Holdstock will lead Noningham from the wing.



# The man who became the voice of cricket is 70 today

was always Arlott, "Somehow, th

John Arlott, who is 70 today, will be celebrating in style with family and friends at his retirement home in the Channel Islands. "We will be having the dinner to end all dinners." he said last week. "Five good dishes and seven great wines. I hope I live to see it."

reach the final of a John Player Cup competition as open as any has been for years. The cup's fourth round is staged today, with Wasps. Bath. Bristol and Orrel jostling to avoid the dubious privilege of favourites, which leaves such clube as Hartequins and Mossley in the impry position of dark horses. By this evening either Orrell or Wasps will have left the scene since they meet at Edgehall Road. Orrell having suffered only one defeat this season and Wasps two. A decade ago there was a distinct possibility he might not have done. Now, he is enjoying rude good health, so such so that rumous have abounded of a return to the microphone this summer. It is no secret that the BBC, through which medium Arlott brought 2 wider andience to cricket, would welcome him back. Since he made that memorable farewell in 1980, when the cast and crowd of the Centenary Test broke out in spontaneous acclaim. Test Match Special has been charged in various quarters with going to the dogs. Wasps scraped into the fourth tound by virtue of scoring the only try drawn tie at Gosforth earlier this month. They are without three of

Yet, there will be no comeback. "I have a whole summer of farewells." Arlott said. "I wanted to get out while I could still do the job, and while I could still do the 100, and besides, when one retires to an island, one stays on it. I am content watching cricket and writing in Alderney, If I didn't write, I'd die."

What were these gifts that Arlott possessed, which made him such an intergral port of cricket? Firstly, his meergran pure of cricket? Fursty, his accent, it evoked England and long, rustic days on the village green. In Hamphire today, and even in Hamphedon, where the game has its roots, you will hear nothing like it, it onid, anyway, grate in a game o

After the last war, Arlott, more After the last war, Ariot, more than any other commentator, brought a new following to cricket. He became its voice. As Tony Cozier, his former colleague, said, the make-believe commentator at the make-believe Test match enacted by boys all round the world.

Ariott phraseology stuck more easily in our young and imaginative minds than the verses of Homer or the oroblems of Pythagoras. Arlott's liking for cricket was

matched, perhaps surpassed, by his liking for language. From an early age his mother encouraged him to visit the local library. The 10,000 books he housed at his home in Alresford, now with him in Alderney, included signed first editions of Thomas Hardy and he personally inscribed early works of Dyian Thomas. When a young man, Ariott the poet was thought a bright

His poem 'Oh on a great batsman' is concluded thus: Recorded centuries leave no trace On memory of that timeless grace.

In later years he did not pursue poetry. He probably had too much to do. Yet his diverse interests - he was for 11 years in the Southampton Police Force, a Parliamentary candidate as a Liberal, a collector of antiques, a wine writer and owner of one of the finest private cellars in Britain - were his strength. He never became too embroiled with cricket, not elevating its worth above being the greatest of games.

Football, which Arlott reported for a time, he abandoned because he selt it grew beyond the limits of a sport: "It became seedy." Overall, he bore out the maxim of his friend. Alan Gibson, that most of the best writers on sport have interests in other fields and consequently a

Arlott was never much of a cricketer. He was one of those, he said, who "basked in the smiles of Said, Who "susken in the sames or female friends of men who play long innings". Yet either he was made for cricket or cricket was made for him. He taught himself the arts of etating, baving lived when a

pancerum in longings that sweet acquired much of his specialist knowledge through close contact with cricketers, who bestowed on him the Presidency of the Crick-eters' Association. It is the greatest compliment he has been paid.

Then there were his celebrated puns. In 1947, when a pupil at the puns. in 1947, when a pupil at the microphone, he was commentating at Lord's. Tufty Mann, a South African spinner, had George Mann, of Middlesex, creasebound and spellbound with his leg-breaks and appellion "What we have heart h geoglics. "What we have here".

Arlott said. "is a clear case of Mann's inhumanity to Mann."

Another of Arlott's qualities was his ability to pare his commentaries, and talks. "He had a fine sense of timing", Peter Baxter, his old producer, said. A few years ago producer, said. A few years ago Arlott and Trevor Bailey, whose prosaic summarles nicely offset Arlott's eloquence on Test Match. Special, provided hackground commentary for a BBC television play. They wanted as to talk about wishes in connect for bulk about cricket in general for half an hom". Bailey said. "They were absolutely shattered when John finished dead

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Concurrent with his radio and television work, Arlott was, of course, cricket and wine correspondent of The Guardian. He is the author of more than 40 books. His staggerius capacity for work was beiglizoed at times, perhaps, by personal tragedies. His second wife-died when still young and his eldest son was killed in a road accident. Throughout his career, however, he brought only pleasure to his many listeners and readers. "I don't know. what my influence has been, he said, but I have never lost enthusiasm. To come to my job was a nine denor.

Ivo Tennant





might not have been so great had they asked lesser-known players. The ethics of their actions will be raised at the next meeting of the cup he ethics of their actions will be dark horses. They are at home to bised at the next meeting of the cup ommittee.

Ray Gravelle, who broke his are let down by their backs. The sprig who became an oak in cricket commentary Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

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FOOTBALL: OLSEN ATTRACTS MANCHESTER UNITED MANAGER

# Atkinson seeks consolation in Netherlands

Ron Atkinson, the Man-Tottenham Hotspur's laborious chester United manager, will draw ther is daylight between cheer himself with a visit to the sixth and seventh places which Netherlands tomorrow where, may become even broader, if he hopes, he will drool over Southampton do as the book-Jesper Olsen, whom has signs makers expect as win the Fa from Ajax in the summer. He Cup, all the UEFA Cup places and Brian Clough, the Notting-ham Forest manager, has some

The Dell is an examination ham Forest manager, has some had news this week. Liverpool expect Kenny Dalglish to return ates today - Welsh and Stein, of

to the fold by March 10.

He should be back for the second leg of their European Cup tie wih Benfica, the Milk Cup final with Everton and, most importantly, the league with France in Peris on most importantly, the league game with France in Paris on championship, Liverpool have lurched along for 12 games who wednesday. His attention, though, may be distracted by since Dalglish fractured his Moran, scorer of 12 goals in 12 cheeekbone in a collison with Manchester United's Moran on Manchester United's Moran on January 2, but they have remained affoat. United and Forest, it would appear, have missed the boat missed the boat.

Forest, of course, have done honors, remarkably well and could be leading the division when Dalglish returns (His first manch will probably be for the reserves on Derby day at Goodison Park next Saturday).

Today Forest unbeaten since Today Forest, unbeaten since said. Liverpool might also agree losing to Liverpool on New - for the time being - as they Year's Eve, could bridge that three-point gap by beating an Arsenal side who made Liver-scriously in the Children this scriously in the Children this scrio pool struggle the other week. Terry Venables, the Rangers their rivals, Luton in the league. manager, considers that his yound side are not far behind

Because of Southampton's Cup group".

spreading

the net wide

By Paul Newman

Fisher Athletic, today sim to

reach the quarter-finals of the FA
Trophy, non-league football's premler knock-out competition. The
smbitious Southern League clab,
who are competing in the Trophy for
the first time in their 76-year
history, entertain Marine, the
Northern Premier League's only
representatives in the last 16.
Eicher from the docklands area

Fisher, from the docklands area of south Loudon, are also well

placed to cere principle to the Alliance Premier League, yet less than three years ago they were only playing in the London Spartan

league. Telford United, the Trophy

iders, and Northwich Victoria,

last ecoson's beaten finalists, should

both again reach the last eight; are

at bome to Bromsgrove Rovers (Southern League) and away to

respectively.

Thirty Town, who entertain chance of

Frickley Athletic, have a chance of

keeping the Northern League's flag

flying and at least one Southern League club will be in the quarter-

finals as AP Leadington face Cocimitated City. The remaining

Bring on Mrs Ridington, goes the cry at

White Hart Lane when things are going against Tottenham Hotspur, and every

time such a shout is heard. Mike Lewis.

the Spurs commercial manager, beams a

little wider. "It just shows the power of

advertising," he says.

Readers outside the London Weekend

Television area will need to be told that

Mrs Ridlington is the lady clad in floral

dress and carrying a hand-bag who runs on

to the pitch with the Spurs team in their

television commercial: she, too, is part of the team 'cos Spurs are all one big family,

to resort to a television advertising

campaign, and the fact that this is

considered a revolutionary step must say

something about the commercial men-tality of the clubs that make up he League.

With the first television advert, football goes surging into the 1950s.

And there is Mr Lewis, thumping a desk

a fraction smaller than the flight deck of

HMS Ark Royal, as he propounds with

Welsh preacher fervour the unarguable

what it's all about!" he says. Heinz Baked

Beans! Football is a product like any other, so why not use the accepted techniques for

marketing a product? When you have a

decreasing market, you seek to reverse the

trend by advertising. And you go to the

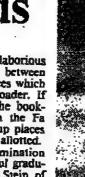
Spurs asked various advertising agen-cies to make their presentations, and the

doctrine of Heinz Baked Beans. "T

Spurs are the first Football League club

three ties are all-Alliance affairs.

Fisher are



Not for turning: Walsh's move to Liverpool denied

10th in the last 13 league games, and the visit of Everton today prompted Graham Taylor, their manager, to reflect upon the topsy turvy world in which he makes a living. In the first 15 Watford, just six points behind, are the most likely outsider to ager's job," he said "but now infiltrate the leading "UEFA Kendall has taken them to one up group". cup final and hopes to make it Their win at West Ham, their two." Barnes, who impressively

stand the club in good stead, in the final stages of the Championship. "I am sure there will be slips before the

end, and we are now ready to take

the League Cup at Ibrox on

Wednesday.
United, the champions, now

appear to have lost their way, attacking confidence having vanished and hesitancy appearing in what was such a reliable defence. Changes will be made from the team

scored twice in midweek, leads the attack again in Reilly's absence and Gray is added to

Everton's party.

The issue of relegation is embracing more clubs each week even if Wolverhapton games his side scored two wins and relegation was the topic then. Consistency among his personnel improved their for- west Bromwich Albion, Birtunes. "At Christmas there was mingham City and Leicester City all have a foot in the quicksand, while Stoke City, up to their waists in it, may grasp a slender lifeline if they beat

#### Aberdeen unlikely to fall into same trap

By Hugh Taylor

Saatchi and Saatchi commercial 'grabs' people to boost attendances

Mrs Ridlington has brought a new shape

to supporters at White Hart Lane

one that got the nod, of course, was Saatchi and Saatchi, whose track record of selling the unsellable is second to none.

That makes Spurs the second Saatchi

account that your average bloke knows

about, but it is still one of Saatchi's

smallest, "a mere matter of tens of thousands," Mr Lewis assured.

Unqualified success

However, it is not the campaign itself that has been the winner; it is the fact that

the campaign exists at all. Its new value

has focused a gratifying amount of media

attention on Spurs, and Saatchi's won't exactly be complaining about the ex-posure. Especially as it has worked. "No

question about that," Mr Lewis said. "It's

been an unqualified success. The matter

will be assessed fully at the end of the

season when the complete set of figures

will be available, but there is every chance

that we will run another advertising

Over the 92 clubs in the League,

attendances up till the end of November

were down 1.3 per cent on the same period.

the previous season. Attendances at Spurs

are 15 per cent up, and that without setting

the Thames on fire in terms of results. Bring on Mrs Ridlington.

about these attendance figures. "You see, there is a hesitancy among league clubs

Spurs, you might say, are over the moon

campaign next season."

Even though they may have lost some of the fluency which distinguished their play before the winter blizzards interrupted the programme. Aberdeen, who lead the premier division, should find themselves in little danger against a hapless Hibernian at Easter Road

games, and overlooked as far as

will be challenging for full

week was the Watford bypass of

Indeed, this game could see Aberdeen spring back to their best form, for they visit Edinburgh with more than thoughts of consolidating their form spring lead over Calife to their four-point lead over Celuic to inspire them. They are determined inspire them. They are determined to make amends for their display at Easter Road on October 15, when they lost 2-1. That was Aberdeen's last defeat, and since then they have despatched Dundee United from enjoyed a sequence of 25 matches without defeat.

Ahbough Strachan may be missing because of leg injury, Aberdeen are Hardly likely to be too sorely pressed by a Hibernian side who have failed to score in the past been shattered by Scottish Cup defeat at the hands of the second

in contrast to Aberdeen, who may of life at the too. Celtic, according to their manager, David Hay, have at last found a consistency of performance which, he suggests, will

#### Barham to miss rest of season

Mark Barham, the Norwich City winger, has had a three-hour operation on his left knee and will operation on his left knee and will be out of section until Christmas. Barham, aged 21, has played only 12 full games for Norwich this season because of injury. But West Ham United, who will be unchanged at Norwich today, had some agod news in their

cnd, and we are now ready to take advantage of any mistakes made by Acrdeen," he said.

Celtic should be too powerful to be worried by Heart of Midloshian at Parkhead, even though the Tynocastle side showed battling qualities by wiping our a two-goal deficit against Rangers, in the last three minutes, a fortnight ago,

Rangers march on relentlessly, and should complete a Tayside some good news in the struggle to overcome injury prob lems as Trevor Brooking was passed fit to start his comeback against Watford in the Football Combi-

nation.

Robert Wilson is back in Fulham'sfirst team squad against Shrewsbury tomorrow — 10 weeks after the eassing incident that nearly cost him his life.

Shrewsbury, who have not won a League game-stace their playermanager. Graham Turner, last selected himself — against Portsmouth on January 2 — will have the 36-year-old defender back on which lost 2-0 at Ibrox, for the duty if - as seems likely - Pearson match with St Mirren at Love and McClaren, are both ruled unfit.

Another player-manager in fits.

Moetherwell are badly hit by indige mood is Terry Cooper, the injury for the relegation tussie with oldest footballer in the League – at St Johnstone at Fir Park and, as they have twice been beaten by their appearance of the season for Bristol forms of the season for Bristol have twice been beaten by their comarades in distress, a third defeat appearance of the season for Bristol
City in the fourth division

where advertising is concerned." Mr Lewis said. "They tend to see it as white man's magic. There is still the old mentality in

football, 'open the gates and they'll come'

But they don't any more. You've got to go

out and grab them. People are ready to be converted, but you've got to grab them."

Darwinian super league, based on financial fitness for the fray, is depressing. The marketing premises that held good for football in the 1930s look less sound

today. Mr Lewis is a great believer in the

need for clubs to become independent of gate receipts, with clubs, pubs and leisure

facilities, in the manner of non-League

clubs: it is true enough that the old ways of

surviving and prospering by simply flinging open the gates 25 times or so a

To reverse the decline in attendance is a

real achievement. Glenn Hoddle and

Osvaldo Ardiles may not be over the

moon about Heinz Baked Beans, but

Spurs and Saatchis have shrugged off all

trace of the game's occupational disease.

the dreaded parrot-like sickness. The

punters are rolling up, and the turnstiles

are going like Gathing guns. "We are overjoyed," Mr Lewis said. And so, I'm

sure, is Mrs Ridlington. Mrs Ridlington,

by the way, is real. She is the second lady

whom Saatchi's have turned into a

Simon Barnes

season are no longer possible.

massively popular figure.

GOLF

The much touted prospect of a kind of

#### TENNIS

#### Ocleppo's power gives Italy advantage

By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent Gianni Ocleppo, an unusual Italian, in that he plays his best tennis indoors, beat Colin Dowdeswell, 1-6, 6-2, 9-7, 6-2 in two hours and 18 minutes, to give huly a 1-0 lead in their Davis Cup tie with Britain, at Telford yesterday. The match gave the new town an exciting introduction to the men's world team championship, and there were not many scats to spare in the indoor arena, located close to Telford's huge modern shopping

centre.

This was the first time Oclepoo had played a Davis Cup singles affecting the outcome of the tie affecting the outcome of the tie and Dowdeswell's first Davis Cup match since he played for Rhodesia in 1976. Dowdeswell was overpowered by Ocleppo's stronger serving, and ability to bit fierce returns off Dowdeswell's relatively tame service, but there were two phases when it seemed that the match might go the other way.

Ocleppo made an inhibited start, surviving a break point in the first game, and then conceding seven consecutive games, without once reaching dence. Dowdeswelk had

conscious games, without once reaching deuce. Dowdeswelk had time to profit from his quick and assured anticipation, and his deftness and daring. He was stroking or mudging the ball, rather than butting it, but his touch and his tactical judgment were almost

flawless.

In the second set, the sequence was almost reversed, Ocleppo won five games in a row, his nerves had loosened up, and he was therefore capable of hitting harder and moving faster. He worked himself into the ground, and the intensity of his efforts led to many theatrical glares in the direction of his captain, Advising Panatta whereas the Adriano Panatia, whereas the stemingly languid Dowdeswell wore an inscrutable half-smile that gave no hint of the emotional stress

The key to what was left of the match, lay in a 68-minute third set that provided a thrilling contract between Ocleppo's power and Dowdeswell's finesse. Ocleppo led 5-2, but had to serve for the set four times. Dowdeswell saved six set points, spread over three games, before Ocleppo took the set with a service winner to the backhand.

Had Ocleppo lost that set, in which he had deen so many chance drift away, his morale might have suffered irreparable damage. The confidence of both men was affected anyway, and in the fourth set the contrast between power and finesse strong and the weak.

Dowdeswell defeat confronted Dowdeswell defeat confronted John Lloyd with a task that was formidable on two counts. He had lost all his four previous matcheswith Corrado Barazzutti. He has also lost all three of the previous Davis Cup singles in which he has gone on court with Britain. O-1 down. Those three matches, however, were played in 1974, 1976 and 1977. Lloyd was still learning his trade in those days. He is a wiser and harder man now.

But there scemed to be no more

But there seemed to be no more than an even chance that he would revive Britain's hopes of reaching the second round and, in the process, earn a £5,000 bonus, from the British team's sponsors, Coca-Cola.

Well. Lloyd was equal to the challenge. He won 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 to put Britain level. Vorcester on March 6.

Other Davis Cup results
BUCHAREST: Unted Status lead Romane 1-0
RUS name first. J. Controls bit F Segurosaru. 62-6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
CHRISTCHURCH: Paragulay lead New Zeeland
2-8 Paraguay maries limit; F Gohzalez bit R
Simpson, 6-1, 6-3, 6-6, 2-6, 6-4; V Peoch bit C
Lawis, 4-5, 8-6, 8-4, 2-6, 5-3.
DELHI: France lead India 2-9 French names
first; Y Noah bit R Krichman, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2; H
Lecome bit A Arminal, 2-6, 5-2, 5-3, 8-6.
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Dansmark 1-9 (Ceachestovek marie first): L
Princk bit Michareser, 10-8, 8-2, 5-4,
PERTITH Australia lead Yugostavia 2-0
(Australian names first): P McNismes bit S
Zholinovic, 9-7, 4-5, 8-7, 10-8; J Füzgerald bit
Al-Ostona, 2-6, 7-5, 8-1, 8-2
STUTTGART: Argentina lead West Germany 1-0
(Avgentine name first): G Vitas bit H-DBeutel.
9-6, 6-6, 7-5. Other Davis Cup results

#### Experience decisive for Lewis

By Lewine Mair
Richard Lewis's performance
over the first three weeks of the
Lawn Tennis Association (LTA)
satellite circuit hardly suggested that
be would be on court today in the
final of this week's event at the Ace Tennis Centre, Coventry. Beaten in the second round

during the opening week at Bramhall, he failed to get as far as the main draw at Telford. Then, last week at Peterborough, he disap-peared on the first afternoon. In yesterday's semi-final, Lewis, who wants to get back into the Davis Cup side soon, brought his

greater experience to bea defeating Stuart Bale, 7-6, 6-4. Although Bale, aged 20 - Lewis is 29 - came close to winming each of Lewis's two opening service games, he was thereafter, only confident on his own perview

Lewis, who will tell that he never seems to have any kind of a flowing match against a fellow left-hander, four times had the chance of breaking Bale's service and going to 5-3 in the first set. He ultimately lost the game, but unlike British players on this circuit, he did not let the missed chance worry him.

Bale made a crucial error at net to

give Lewis his first set point at 4-6 in the tie-break. Lewis did not waste his chance, collecting the next crucial point with a perfectly-timed backhand down the line. Two double-faults from Bale in

the space of three points enabled Lewis to go into a 54 lead in the second set. Lewis then met with little resistance as he served for the

In the second semi-final, Glea Layendecker, a Yale University graduate, defeated, George Jarck, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. There was a certain lack of old world charm about this all-American contest and, after both players had complained repeatedly about line calls, the tournament referee, Tony Gathercole, was moved to change the umpire. "I wasn't unhappy with the job, he was doing", said Mr Gathercole. "However, with both palyers becoming so heated, I thought it in the best interests of the watch to

# Pakistan already casting long shadow over England visit

From Derek Hodgson,

Coming events are already casting long shadows across the Indian Ocean, Almost as soon as Bob Willis had announced an unchanged England side for the final one-day international sponsored by Rothman's at Eden Park today, the tour manager, Alan Smith, was adding that in certain circumstances he would be prepared to take the team home early from Pakistan. England fly to Pakistan on Monday for a month's tour that

includes three Test matches, the first of which begins in Karachi next Friday. On Thursday student leaders were saying that they intended to disrupt the Test matches as a protest against the government's proscription of stu-dents unions.

Mr Smith reported that he had

Mr Smith reported that he had received the text of a cable sent from Charles Palmer, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at Lord's, to Major General Safdar Butt, president of the Pakistan board, asking for reassurances for the safety of the England team and accompanying watty, on team and accompanying party on their arrival and throughout the tour, adding that "it should be possible to ensure that all matches



have got to be able to give their minds wholly to the playing of cricket and it is up to the ground authority, wherever in the world, to see that order is kept. I do not have to refer to Lord's to make decision in those circumstances."

The TCCB's alarm is understandable but one cannot belp but feel that they are backing the Pakistan board, and eventually the govenare not interrupted".

Mr Smith added: "Our chaps would ever give an absolute

Willis had his way on keeping the England team that has already won the first two one-day matches and defended the decision by saying:
We know we will have to make
changes in the side for Karachi bitt
still felt that there was more to be gained by keeping the winning team together and aiming to win the series 3-0."

He was disappointed that his 50-over contest was being played on the Test match strip which was so bland that England and New Zealand had difficulty in each completing a first innings over five days.

• KARACHI: Pakistani students

are threatening to disrupt the Test series against England unless the military government releases arrested students and lifts a proscription on students' unions. (Reuter reports). We are not against the England team or the tour. We want to disrupt the matches to draw would attention to our problems, a spokesman for a student action

spokesman for a student action committee said yesterday.

Student Summed Student Working 94 for no wint (rain) v Western Australia.

Australia 325 for 2 (M.) Hildrich 185 not out. M. Haysman 58 not out. Victoria.

WCAMTE Sharman Student Committee 223 (G.) Trimble 71) v Tasmania.

### Sparkling Ritchie's quick start Ritchie fell at 102, superbly caught at backward short leg by Seeram as he attempted to glance

Georgetown (Reuter) - An aggressive 64 by Greg Ritchie was the highlight of the opening morning of the Australians' match against Guyana yesterday. The stocky Queenslander scored his runs off only 60 bells in \$5 minutes and forcing the removal of off only 69 balls in 85 minutes and helped the touring team to reach 128 for two by lunch.

After Border - deputizing for Hughes, who withdrew from the match with a strained hamstring had won the toss and decided to bat, Guyana enjoyed an early success.

hitting three fours in one over from Charles and forcing the removal of the pace bowler from the attack. He reached his 50, which included nine fours and a six, off only 48 balls. Smith, playing in his first match partner and was missed three times in reaching 40 and

the off-spinner, Roger Harper, who extracted unexpected turn from the pitch in the first session of the four day-maich. AUSTRALIANS: First livnings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9.2-102.

#### INDOOR HOCKEY

#### England juniors figure in the spotlight

By Sydney Friskin

under-21 indoor squad. Martin Grimley and Tim Rothwell, both of Alderiey Edge, and Nick Clark, of South Nottingham, had a taste of the bright lights in the final stages of the National Club championship at Crystal Palace yesterday. England's objective is a place in the Junior European Indoor championship to be played in Vienna in 1985.

in order to qualify England have to play in a round robin series against. Poland, West Germany. France and Italy at Poznam from December 14-16 and three teams from this group will go through. Wales and Scotland are in the other qualifying tourners to be always. qualifying tournament, to be played from December 21-23 at Barcelons where their rivals will be Spain, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

in the last European junior Vienna England finished fourth and their aim now is to emulate their seniors by winning a European medal. They are to play a match against the Welsh under-21 side at

Alderley Edge, overwhelmed 11-2 by Slough in the quarter-final round, had few answers to the speed, skill and experience of the conquerors. They managed to contain Slough for about ten

Three members of England's minutes and from a corner, Hardman just failed to reduce Slough's 2-0 lead, gained through Manjit Flore and Bal Saini.

Four goals in the last few minutes

of the first half increased Slough's lead to 6-0, Bal Saini having scored three more goals early in the second half through Manji Flora. Laly and Stel Partington, before Rothwell reduced the lead to 9-1. Bhaji Flora and Daved put Slough [1-] ahead and Daved put sinught it i ancau but Alderley Edge scored a consolation goal when Hardman converted a penalty stroke after Sution had been obstructed by the

Pickwick, from the Midlands, were beaten 9.2 by St Albans, for whom Keith Rowley scored four goals. Furebrands also went through after a 5-2 win over East Grinstead More Hockey, page 32

Spalding pitch in

Tretorn - Spaiding a sports goods company, have come to the rescue of the Irish professional 72 holes championship. They confirmed sponsorship worth £40,000 over the next three years. The prize fund will be £9,600, with the winner receiving £1,600, and it is planned to run the championship in the week beginning September 24.

ROWING

#### Top crews' first tests

The third day of Oxford University Torpids yesterday cleared the way for Christ Church and St Catherine's to provide the lirst scenous challenges to the present leaders of the men's and women's first divisions. Onel and Osler House (a Special Correspondent warites).

dent wortics).

FIRST DIVISION: Christ Church bod Kable, Easter bid worcester; St. Edmund Hall. Brasanose and Queen's bid Lincoln, University bod Balkot. Queen's bid Lincoln, University bod Balkot. SECOND DIVISION: New College bod Heritord: Magdaten bod Crier House. Trinfly, Corpus, Christ and St. Peter's bod Nebie II. Christ Trillips Division. Woldson bod Ereil II. Christ Church II bod Pembrohe II. Oriel III. Lincoln III. Merion, and Wadhien III. bod University II. Worcester II bod Merion. FOURTH DIVISIONE ST. Edmund Hall II bod Balkol II. SI Catherina's II and Brasanose II bod Galkol II. SI Catherina's II and Brasanose II bod Galkol II. SI Catherina's II and Brasanose III. Lady Marqueret Hell III bod Keple III. Corpus Christi II bod St. Peter's II. Jesus III and Lincoln bod Wachana III.

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#### BADMINTON

#### **England** win over courts From Richard Eaton, Ostend

and then becoming enysterious mislaid in a car park in Ostend because nobody apparently could recognize the transporting vehicle. That meant the courts did not reach the arena in time for the start of the

This, however, did not deter England too much. Indeed, for the first time for several days there was a sense of optimism about the men' prospects after a 5-0 win over Austria. That was because both the Augura. I hat was occause oom me flu victims played, and performed competently – Martin Dew, Eng-land's leading doubles player, returning to his partnership with Mike Tredgett and Steve Baddeley, the England No. 1. ortugate to the the England No 1, returning to the top singles position. The women beat Scotland 5-0.

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SQUASH Davenport's

#### first final By Colin McQuillan

Stuart Davenport, aged 21, the New Zealander now based at Wycombe Hills, Buckinghamshire, has been threatening for more than a year to disrupt the established order of things in world squash. At Bromley on Thursday night the threat was realized when Davenpurt reached his first major professional final, putting the world No 3. Hiddy Jahan, out of the Debenhams International Challengers Vase. After 75 minutes of fierce and sometimes argumentative play under the new World Championship Squash rules, Davenport won 11-9, 11-8, 5-11, 7-11, 11-8 to nrevent Jahan, aged 33, from

prevent Jahan, aged 33, from making next month's final a repeat of last year.
Qamar Zaman, of Pakistan, defeated Jahan in the final of the 1983 Challenger Vase, which is the professional element of the nationwide Debenham's Family championships and rates as the most

important prize outside the regular

Zaman efficiently disposed of the former British champion. Gawain Briars. winning 7-11, 11-7, 11-10, 11-8 in precisely paced games.

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#### IN BRIEF

SNOOKER: Steve Davis, the defending champion, held a 4-2 lead ove Tony knowles after the first period of the best of 15-frames final in the Tolly Cobbold Classic at Ipswich yesterday. Breaks of 52 and 63 helped him into a 3-0 lead before Knowles opened his account, based TENNIS: Martina Navratilova and

Chris Lloyd scored straight-set victories but Joanna Durie, the third seed, was beated in the quarter-linals of the US indoor championships in East Hanover, New Jersey, on Thursday (Reuter reports). Marcella Mesker a qualifier from the Netherlands ranked fiftyfirst in the world, beat Miss Durie, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, and will meet Miss

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SNOOKER IPSWICH: Tony Cotbold Classic: Second semi-final: S Davis bt X Stevens (Can), 5-4.

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**FOOTBALL** 

#### Brask takes over lead Rive

Hongkong (Reuter) - Bill Brask, of the United States, scored 64, six under par, to take a four-stroke lead in the second round of the Hongkong Open championship here today. Brask started the day joint second, and recorded his second under par round, for a total of 130. Mark James, of Britain, was second on 134, after a 66, but Sandy

152, and missed the cut at 146. Two strokes behind James was another Briton. Michael McLean, who has a 68 today. Yoshitaka Yamamoto, of Japan, the joint overnight leader, was on 137, with Brian Waites.

Lyle slumped to a disastrous 78, for

SECOND ROUND LEADERS: 130: W Brask (US), 66, 64, 134: M James (68), 68, 69, 135: M Adel ean (GB), 68, 68, 137: B Walkes (GB), 68, 63; Yoshitaka Yamamoto (Jepani, 66, 72, 138: R Lavares (Phi), 71, 58: Yaz Sas Ming (HK), 71, 69: O Moore (Aus), 65, 74, 148: F Minoer (Phi), 71, 99: Namio Takasu (Japani, 70, 70; M Clayton (Aus), 69, 71; R Alaroon (Max), 63, 72; K Cox (US) 67, 73, Other British and hitch scores: 141: R Rullerty, 73, 68, 142: M King, 72, 70, 144: S Torrance, 75, 71, 147: J Carr, 74, 73, 152: A Lyte, 74, 78,



Cullen takes lead Lagos (Reuter) - Garry Chilen, a Nairobi-based Briton, hit a six-under-par 65 to take a two-stroke lead after the second round of the \$184.00 (£126.000) Nigerian Open golf championship, here yesterday.

the best interests of the match to bring in someone new". Sect-fittalis: R Laws Its 5 Bale, 7-6, 6-4; G Layertactor (US) at G Janta (US), 6-3, 6-7, 6-

on a 41 break in the fourth frame.

Navratilova in the semi-linals. WINTER OLYMPICS: Sarajevo has earned at least \$30 million (about £20m) from foreign tourists who visited the town during the winter Olympics which ended last Sunday, the state-run Tanjug news agency reported yesterday. Tanjug said about 12,000 foreign tourists and the same number of Yugoslavs visited the city for the games, which cost over \$130m to stage.

Rossland, British Columbia (Reuter) - Steve Podborski retained his Canadian downhill title here on Thursday but refused to accent the trophy because the race had been sponsored by a tobacco company.

# Clarinbridge to prove Irish juvenile strength

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The feeling that the Irish four-year-old hurdler may be better than their English counterparts this season will be put to the test at Kempton Park this afternoon when Clarin-bridge takes on Lochboisdale. Son Of A Gunner and Northern Trail in the Tote Placepot Hurdle, Clarinbridge made a whole host of new friends at Leopardstown last Saturday when he won the Stillorgan Hurdle from Manpower and Northern Game, each of whom boasted good winning form.

Because that race at Lcopardstown was not worth 12,000 Clarinbridge has escaped being penalized for today's race. So with only 10st 10lb to carry he ought to be hard to beat, especially as. Jim Bolger, his astute trainer, says that he will relish the ground, which is fast by jumping standards. In recent years we have come to appreciate that Bolger does not venture far afield without there being every likelihood of his returning home with the spils.

On the other hand Jeff King is the first to admit that he is worried that the ground may not be soft enough for Loch-poisdale, who led Star Of lerland and others such a merry dance at Sandown carlier this month. Kempton being on the sharp side will suit a front runner like Lochboisdale, but if the ground is not to his liking he may easily be cut down in the

straight by Clarinbridge.
Son Of A Gunner was far from disgraced at Newbury a fortnight ago when he went down by two lengths to the winner 5lb. Now the weight concession to both Clarinbridge and Northern Trial looks like being every bit as tricky.

being every bit as tricky.

Paul Kelleway, a good jump jockey in his time but better known these days for his exploits training on the Flat, had a high opinion of Northern Trial last spring, but the colt never really fulfilled his expectations. However that easy win tations. However, that easy win at Wolverhamton carlier this month suggested that Kelle-

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Kempton Park WV

[Televised: 1,45, 2,15, 2,45]

1.45 FOOD BROKERS KINDER SURPRISE NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,884:

(amateurs £1.512 3m)

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FAR ROCKAWAY on G by Direct Run Truant Queen (V Reibm) 5-11.

horses in his last races besides finishing second to Burrough Hill Lad in the Welsh National.

Also with Cheltenham in mind it will be interesting to see how Crimson Embers and Gaye Chance fare in the Rendelsham Hurdle because at their best they should be in the front line for honours in the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle, Neither took to chasing and disappointingly both came to grief when hurdling again in the same race at Ascot not long ago.

However, the fact remains that Crimson Embers did win the hurdlers marathon at Cheltenham two seasons ago and that he was also totally and utterly outclassed by Gaye Chance at Ascot afterwards. That performance points to Gave Chance resuming the winning trail again this after-

Likewise Desert Orchid's stout-hearted display of front-running at Wincanton on Thursday was surely an indi-cator that I Haventalight will win the Food Brokers Kinder Surprise Novices Hurdle. Runner-up to Desert Orchid at Kempton on Boxing Day and at Sandown afterwards, I Haven-talight ought to appreciate this drop in class.

Falls at Huntingdon and Newcastle by Browne's Gazette and Sea Spice were yet more evidence that Michael Dickinson's superbly run stable was not infallable after all. However, yesterday's results at both Kempton and Southwall poin-ted to life at Harewood Childown because he was giving returning to normal. In the circumstances no one should be exactly taken aback if Wayward Lad, Browne's Gazette and Sea Spice all succeed in belping to put the champion trainer in a more contented frame of mind by winning their races at Doncaster and Stratford. The presence of Spartan

Missile. the runner-up to Aldaniti in the Grand National two scasons ago, a faller in last year's race but an entry for this year's Aintree epic, will be way's faith in Northern Trial another reason to go to may not have been misplaced Stratford today, Nicky Herderafter all. son. his trainer, told me if Royal Judgement manages yesterday that he envisaged this to win the Mercedes Benz race, another at Stratford in 12 Handicap Chase as well he may days time - the one that is run he will underline the chances annually in memory of his late that both Burrough Hill Lad father and brother-in-law and Everett have of winning the followed by the Fowhunters at Gold Cup at Cheltenham next Cheltenham being the ideal month, because he has been preparation for another assault runner-up to those two good on the National.

# O'Grady set to take trial

From Our Irish Racing

Drumlargan handsomely warded the patience of his trainer. Eddie O'Grady, when he carried off the Whitbread Gold Cup, last Spring, Now he can yut his stamina to good effect again in the three and threequarter miles Ladbroke's National Trial at Punchestawa this

This is the longest race in the Irish calendar and Drumlargan, en route for the Tote Gold Cop at Cheltenham, has to give away chunks of weight to his dozen opponents. These include a number of bandicanners who showed an well opponents. These include a number of handicappers who showed up well in last Saturday's Harold Clarke Memorial Leopardtown Chase. Silent Number was going well when he fell at the 12th fence and with a clear round he could be the one to press Drumlargan.

Hold The Hend and See You Then, currently disputing second

Then, currently disputing second favouritism in the Triumph Hurdle, meet in the Jack, Peter and Paul Doyle Hurdle, Hold The Head could only finish fourth to Dawn Run in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle last weekend but the ground there was too lively for him and he will find the Punchestown conditions much more to his liking.

Royal Fair, who has not been out

of the first three in his last six runs under National Hunt rules, was unlucky to be beaten by Master Vincents at Fairyhouse and with a turnaround of 101b must surely turn the tables in the Diners Club Chase,

Televised: (88C) 2.0, 2.30, 3.0] 2.0 JACK, PETER AND PAUL DOYLE-MURDLE [54,000: 2m) (17 ranners)

By Michael Seely

Michael Dickinson's Chelten-

ham Gold Cup problems were

further compounded yesterday

when the champion trainer announced that Captain John, the horse who finished runner-

up to Bregawn in the big race

lost year, was an unlikely runner at the National Hunt Festival. "Captain John has had a further setback" Dickinson said. "He has not been declared for Kelso

on Tuesday and must be

considered very doubtful for

No decision has yet been

taken about Bregawn after that

mystifying performance in the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton on Thursday. "It's

hard to know what to make of

it." Dickinson continued. "It's

not as though he's had a hard season, in fact he's had a very

casy time of it. To have refused

"Blinkers are an obvious

possibility, but I want to have a

good talk with Graham Bradley when he gets back to Harewood.

He can either go to Kelso or wait until Hereford next Satur-

Meanwhile at Kempton Park

yesterday. Lettoch continued

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20 Marks Saraget 9-9Captain John adds to stable's cup of woe gailant defeat of Lean Ar Aghaidh in the Manor Novices Chase, And as Mister Donut also captured the first race at Southwell, his stable has now had six winners so far this week.

Graham Bradley drives Lettoch (left) past Lean Ar Aghaidh on the ron-in at Kempton (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Lettoch showed all the zest for a fight and the ability that has carried him to victory in seven races over hurdles and four over fences. Approaching the straight Lean Ar Aghaidh was travelling the easiest of the pack, but once in line for home Lettoch's stamina and courage came into play.

"I thought he'd definitely need the race," Dickinson said. "That will have brought him on a lot, but I'd like to give him one more race before Cheltenham, providing that the ground doesn't become heavy. The Sun Alliance Chase now looks like becoming one of the

Hope for Paus

Aage Paus, who was suspended indefinitely by the French racing authorities in May 1981 after several of his horses had been tested

several of his horses bad been tested positively for steroids, may be reinstated shortly.

The Norwegian trainer's case is now being reconsidered by the French Ministry of the interior, and provided they lift the ban as expected Paus could be back at Chantilly by the end of March,

Doncaster III

1.30 DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHAMPIONSHIP NOVICES' HURDLE (Round 6: £1.903: 2m 150yd) (14 runners)

[Televised: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30]

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most competitive races of the National Hunt meeting with disqualify Woolooware after Lettoch. A Kinsman, Duke of narrowly beating To-Onero-Milan and Forgive N'Forget all Mou in the Littleton Handicap having been announced as likely starters. And Stan Mellor controversial of the most said that Lean Ar Aghaidh was also a certain runner provided objection by Larry Mancini. the that the going is reasonable.

John Thorne is alos looking forward to Cheltenham after Artifice's fine performance when finishing second to Spinning Saint in the Emblem Conditional Jockeys Handicap.
"I was delighted with that," the Bridgwater trainer said. "He's got to have another go at the Queen Mother Champion Chase after that. That was after

his first race for four months. We had a lot of trouble with his

jockey of the runner-up, the placings of the first two were reversed

"I thought that that was most unjust." Toby Balding ,Wooloo-ware's trainer said. "but I don't intend to lodge an appeal."
Brian Reilly endorsed the trainer's opinion. "I consider that I have been very hard done by." the jockey said. It must have been a difficult

#### Lengthy ban for Morgan

DLE (£846: 2m) (20 runners)

had his permit taken away for two years. Morgan, who trained at Dyfed, was found at a Jockey Club inquiry yesterday to have run both Clasgow Central and abother horse.

Royal Mans, when they were not in family ownership.

The rules of racing state that horses trained by permit holders

back, liver and his kidneys after other to race into the last flight that bad fall at Sandown. He couldn't move for a week afterwards."

of hurdles. But although Woodoware jumped across his rival, the pair did not appear to touch.

Bill Morgan, who trained Glasgow Central to win twice during the 1982-83 National Hunt season, has had his permit taken away for two years. Morgan, who trained at Dyfed, was found at a Jockey Club inquiry yesterday to have run both Glasgow Central and another horse.

MONDAY'S ADVANCE COING: LINCASE

outclassed Doncaster. Wakefield Trinity should beat York, from the second division, and Wigan will attempt to take advantage of Oldham's recent troubles, which went a long way to being settled yesterday, with the appointment of the former Castleford and Dewsbury coach, Dave Cox, as team manager. Lecds should triumph over Workington Town.

decision for the stewards. Both horses veered towards each

and Royal Mana by Mr John

HANDICAP

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HOCKEY Visitor from abroad for Middlesex

By Sydney Friskin

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

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for cup-tie

By Keith Macklin

After 24 hours of anxiety the Castleford hooker, Kevin Beard-

more, was cleared yesterday to play in tomorrow's challenge cup second round tic against Warrington.

Beardmore was suspended for one

game by the disciplinary committee on Thursday, following a brawl with Alan Rathbone, of Bradford Northern, in last Sunday's league game. The appeal committee decided that Beardmore was not will be a sunday to the sunday of th

guilty of delibrate kicking and the

The presence of Beardmore will

be a great asset to Castleford, in their game against the powerful and

improving Warrington team, who have made no secret of the fact that

have made no secret of the fact that
they regard this as Wembley year.
However, Castleford will be without
the young second row forward,
England, who was also suspended
on Thursday,
The second round ties begin
today, with the St Helens v Hull
game. Hull have several injury
problems, and their goal-kicking

problems, and their goal-kicking forward, Crooks, is out for several

weeks. Consequently, they may find it tough against a St Helens side who

have been recovering form to recent weeks, and who tend to play well above normal form in cup games,

above normal form in cup games.
Fulham should get an above average gate for the visit of Widnes, a match which gives the Fulham player-coach, Reg Bowden, a tilt against the Fulham club with whom he won many cup medals. Both teams had men suspended on Thursday. Doherty from Fulham and Steve O'Neill from Widnes, If Fulham rise to the occasion, there is a possibility of a surprise at Craven Cottage, with the Widnes performances developing a stutter of late.

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Bradford Northern will be without the suspended Rathbone at Hunslet, and may find the skilful second distribution according to the skilful second distribution accor

second division promotion hopefuls quite a bandful at Elland Road.

The favourites, Hull Kingston Rovers, will have little difficulty

accounting for the gallant but outclassed Doncaster, Wakefield

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Mark Precious returns from abroad to reinforce Middlesex for their crucial quarter-final match in the county championship against Surrey at Chean tomorrow (2.00t. Surrey and Middlesex have mot twice in the competition before, once in a group match and then in the south final. On both occasions Middlesex won, the second match having been decided on penalty having been decided on penalty strokes. Both teams from the South final, however, qualified for the

national rounds. Precious will be supported in midfield by Potter. Better news for Middlesex is tha Kulbin (Danny) Bhaura has been going well up front and scoring goals. Surrey them-selves have their usual strong squad of 16 except that there is a fitness doubt about Eyles.

Malcolm Wilkinson, whose hand injury prevented him from playing for Cheshire in the previous round against Warwickshire, hopes to be fit for tomorrow's match at St Albans against Herifordshire Steve Greene will be on the right wing fo Cheshire and Grimley at centre forward. Hertfordshire's three front runners will be Swerling Geoff Hayward and Mobbs.

Norman Hughes returns to Yorkshire after a three week business trip to the Far East for their match at Huddersield against Worcestershire, Yorkshire bave persevered with a young side which includes Byas and Bolland. two promising defenders from the England Under-21 squad.

#### Opening games decided by single goals

The international B tournament began at Old Trafford vesterday with England and Wales winning their matches 1-0, against Ireland

Some of the Irish team were delayed because of travel problems, but their contest with England was worth waiting for. After a goalless but flowing first half, Karen Brown.

of the pressing, by Wales looked the more dangerous when they did managa to break away.
The Welsh ability to counterattack eventually brought a goal of real quality. Suc Crowley raced into

neatly round the advancing goaheeper for Glynis Jones to run on to the loose ball and put it into the

#### Scuppered by fickle wind

From Adrian Morgan, Cannes

The wind refused to cooperate again at Cannes yesterday where all racing was finally abandoned after

Perhaps most disappointed of all was Mike McIntyre, who leads the Finns. Mike Holmes and Ossie Stewart, and Jo Richards and Peter Allam, both second in the 470 and Flying Dutchman class, after two races.

At one point, Stars, Solings and Flying Dutchman were forced to flee for the harbour as 25-knot gusts threatened to cause havoe. Then the wind dropped again to nothing. 13-8 Townley Stone, 3 Man in The Middla 9-2 Klarrows, 8 Mott The has degenerated into a fiasco. With only one day to go the regatta

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Triumph Hurdle next month. This was the prediction of Stan Mellor's wife Elain, after Nudge Nudge won the Queens Sconer Novices Hurdle of Court all at Southwell

Today's Point-to-Points Versy at Tweseldown (12,30) Berwickshire at Friars Haugh († 30) Cambridge University United Hunt Club at Cottenham (12.90), East Conwall at Lemalla (1.30); Mendip Farmers at Nedge (12.00), North Herefordshire at Whitwick (12.00).

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**BOXING: EUROPEAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP** 

# Sibson's wounded pride put to the ultimate test

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Paris

The success or failure of Tony Sibson, in his challenge here tonight for Louis Acaries's European middleweight title, may have little to do with the French champion's actions. The outcome rests on the Englishman's state of mind.

His contest last month in Atlantic City, against Don Lee, of the United States, has left him with two scars, one mental and one physical: the shock of being beaten by the unrated American and a cur above the left eye that needed 17 stitches. That is why Sibson must put himself in the right frame of mind to get the bout over

If he is mentally alert, this should be possible, as the Frenchman is a slow starter. and could be intimidated by a couple of "Sibbo specials". If the contest drags on. Sibson's two disabilities could be shown up under the bright lights of the Bercy Stadium even though he has talked himself out of his fears with uncharacteristic aggression, and doctors have passed his eye.

However, Sam Burns, Sibson's mamager, is taking no chances, and has asked the experienced corner-man. George Francis, to be there with him.

Sibson has a good record of coming back strongly after defeats. Even after the Marvin Hagleer dbêle, he had a quick and impressive win against a rated American, John Collins, but there has never been a setback so humiliating as that inflicted by Lee. o much so that even American televiosin, who were sold on the European championship, threw in the towel, leaving Sibson £20,000 short of £100,000.

Sibson says: "I'm never so dangerous as when I'm woundcd," burt boxers somehow are never the same after severe upsets, although whether Acaries is the man to turn this tailing to his advantage, remains to be seen.

Had everything been right with Sibson, he would have no trouble with Acaries. In 1979.

promoter/manager, is pressing for his talented middleweight, Errol Christic, to challenge for Mark Kaylor's British championship.

After Christie's impressive sec-

ond-round victory over the American. Dexter Bowman, in Birming-

ham, on Thursday night McCarthy reserved a £20,000 challenge to Kaylor. It was the unbeaten Christic's eleventh successive vic-

tory and McCarthy said vesterday:

among British middleweights and surely now the Boxing Board of

Control must soon give him the

-Pighting is all about money and I promise I will make this contest between Christic and Kaylor. I have

already offered £20,000 to Kaylor to

get him in the ring. The offer still stands and surely it is a light which

The other top-ranked British

middleweight is of course. Tony Sibson, who will be trying to regain his European championship from

the Frenchman, Acaries, in Paris tonight. With Sibson's ambitions

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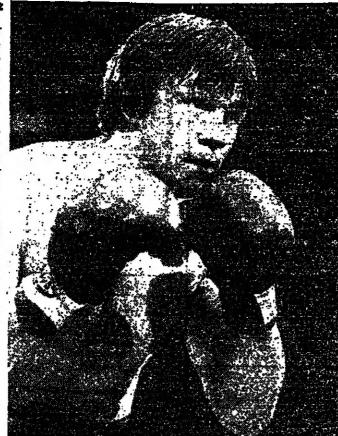
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Sibson: his scars could be exploited

the Frenchman, now aged 30, was knocked out as a welterweight in one round by a British boxer. Des Morrison, who has now retired. Acaries has moved up in weight since those days, winning the European lightmiddleweight title, and beating a tough Yugoslav, Marijan Benes, on the way to his present position, as the top middle-

weight in Europe. He was full of confidence the floor on his television in New York, where he was accurate puncher, and will training with Mustapha Ham-certainly make for Sibson's sho. The Frenchman came back home full of himself, and brought in Jean-Claud Bouttier to help finish his preparations, 150 kilometres outside Paris, next to the home of his friend,

the actor, Alain Delon. Acaries is regarded as a good

Christie presses claims

for title challenge

Burt McCarthy, the millionaire for the British championship in the

four or five rounds, and he was highly thought of in the Grammercy gym, on 14th Street, New York. He looked so good there, that many asked where this "world champion" had been hiding.
In the ring, he is not such a

formidable proposition, because he is unhappy going the champiouship distance at a pace other than his own, but when he opens up. he is a world after he saw Lee send Sibson to class boxer, according to his connexions. They say he is an repaired eye, if given half a

Acaries, who is a popular sportsman in France, because of his racing tips on radio and television, is pulling in his supporters at the stadium. But Sibson is the man to prove boxer, once he gets going after 12,000 Frenchmen wrong.

#### Stevenson may fight title holder

not too distant future.

Christie is keen to meet either, or both of them, soon. "I don't care in what order I meet them. I'm in hurry. It's a young man's game and I feel ready for anyone now", Christie The Coventry boxer certainly gave the American boxer little chance to settle into his stride at karate black belt and a former Thai-

style kick-boxer, had quietly tested Christic's defence in the opening round but that was as far as he got. Christie opened up the second round with a flurry of combination punches which put the man from Alabama down for a count of seven. Bowman struggled back into the fray but it was not long before Christie produced a successo left jabs which forced the referee, John Coyle, to step in to stop the

Spinks defence

Atlantic City (Reuter) - Michael Spinks defends his world light-heavyweight title against his fellow-American Eddie Davis here today.

From Robin Gregg, Los Angeles The World Boxing Council is making strenuous attempts to arrange a heavyweight meeting between Teofilo Stevenson, of Cuba, who was Oimpic champion on three occasions, and the winner of the WBC championship bout between the Americans, Greg Page and Tim Vitherspoon, in Las Vegas on

The title was recently surrendered by the undisputed beavyweight champion, Larry Holmes, who is now to fight John Tate under the auspices of the newly-formed International Boxing Federation. According to the WBC president, José Sulaiman, proceeds from the Stevenson bout would go the the foundation for sports medicine, and the treatment of boxing injuries, so that there will be no danger of the Cuban infringing his amateur status. Cuban infringing his amateur status. This is a very important factor, Stevenson is expected to challenge for his fourth Olympic Games gold medal in the summer. Previous attempts to match Stevenson with professional heavyweights have for

#### SWIMMING

#### An Albatross unlikely to be put to flight

Britain's main Olympic medal the talented Ina Bayermann of West contenders face a stern test of their Germany, who has a faster personal early season form in the two-day best time, but by her young internanal matches against West colleagues. Sarah Hardcastle internanal matches against West Germany, sponsored by Sun Life, which opens at Crystal Palace today. (Southend) and Annabel Cripps

The visitors, led by the world's No. I swimmer, the 6ft 61/2 in tall Michael Gross, have developed into the finest all-round team in Europe and will be more than a match for a British team missing most of its leading men, who are still training and studying at universities in the United States.

The incredible Gross, world record holder in both butterfly and

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freestyle events, known to his peers as The Albatross, will certainly accept with his usual gusto another opportunity to confirm his position as one of the best favourites for gold medals in the McDonalds Olympic pool this summer.
There may even be a glint of gold

There may even be a gint of gold in the performances of some of Britain's contenders. Adrian Moorhouse, of Leeds, the British, European and Commonwealth breaststroke champion, test himself against Gerald Moerken, aged 28, the former world 100 metres record holder, "When I see the lights and the TV cameras, I feel 10 feet tall," Moorhouse has said. Here is Moorhouse has said. Here is another occasion for him to confirm his statue.
June Croft, of Wigan, has been

selected to race in the 100, 200 and 400 metres freestyle events. She is rapidly approaching her best form as she demonstrated recently in Amersfoort, swimming powerfully on a world-record schedule for the first 150 metres of a 200 metres metres and above could well prove to be her best distances. In the 400 metres freestyle, Miss Croft will be

spurred by the presence not only of

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First division

(Wigan).
Miss Cripps, who celebrated her sixteenth birthday last week, has set an interesting example of the trend reversal. Her father, an English doctor and former butterfly international now working in the United States, has sent her back across the Atlantic to train with Keith Bewley's powerful international squad at Wigan.

Miss Hardcastle, aged 14, who

won a European bronze medal in the 800 metres last season, has been the 800 metres kist season, has been swimming up to 100,000 metres a week under her coach, Mike Higgs. Her taper for this match has consisted of reducing the distance to a still substantial 70,000 metres.

Despite the absence through illness or injury of Jackie Wilmott (Southend) and Ann Osgerby (Wigan) the women's team should provide a much closer match them.

Biorn again

Tokyo (Reuter) - Bjorn Borg will compete in a \$200,000 (£140,000) invitation tournament starting here on May 9. The Swede, men's singles winner at Wimbledon five times, retired from grand prix tournaments last year and has played only exhibition matches since.

Lendl withdraws

Mardrid (AFP) - Ivan Lendi, of Czechoslovakia, has withdrawn from next week's Madrid grand prix tournament, because of an injured United States open champion. Jimmy Connors.

**MOTOR RALLYING** 

## feature new-look MG Metro

By John Blansden

Austin Rover have announced an extended race and rally programme for 1984, of which the highlight is a new concept in rally cars which the company has devised in collaboration with Williams Grand Prix

Engineering.
The MG Metro 6R4, of which two prototypes have been built and three more are in an advanced stage of construction, looks superficially like a road-going Metro, but in fact is very different beneath the skin. It features a 250hp V6 2½ litre engine mounted amidships behind a twomounted amidships behind a twoseater cockpit and driving to all four
wheels. The body structure and
outer skins are made of a mixture of
steel, and carbon and glass fibre
material widely used in current
Formula One car design.

The engine used in the prototype
car is a cut down version of the V8
used in the Rover Vitesse, which
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dominated the British car cham pionship last year and will be used in an onslaught on the European touring car championship However, an entirley new 21/2 litre

However, an entirity new 2½ litre V6 engine in under development for the four-wheel-drive Metro. The plan is to enter a Metro 6R4 in a rally within the next six weeks as part of a year-long development programme, and next year 200 production examples will be built at Longbridge to enable the car to compare under Grays R segulations. compete under Group B regulations in the the world rally championships. The aim is outright victory and a level of domination last enjoyed by the company in the days of the Mini.

**ATHLETICS** 

#### Events will | Champion says Olympic course is dangerous

Los Angeles (AFP) - Robert de Castella, of Australia, the world marathon champion, has criticized this year's Los Angeles Olympics marathon course as being "very dangerous". One of the favourites for the race, de Castella, 2ged 27, is in Los Angeles for promotional purposes and his criticisms inevi-table concern heat and pollution.

tably concern heat and pollution.
"I try not to think about it. It's scary to think the best athletes are going to be subjected to conditions like this in what is supposed to the world's attention to provide the subject." world's ultimate sporting event," he said. "I was in Los Angeles last summer. I know how hot it gets here Just running a world champ or a major marathon in the summ is dangerous for top runners, but running an Olympic marathon in the summer in the pollution of Los

Angeles is very dangerous."
De Castella, a bio-physicist at the Australian Sports Institute explained his fears for the Olympic marathon, scheduled for August 12. Nobody knows, no physiologist knows what potential dangers the runners are going to subject themselves to, he said. "I don't know whether they're going to slow down their performances, running say, one of two minutes slower than their best, or whether they are going to subject themselves to any

"At their last conference, the medical people in every team competing in the Olympics asked the Los Angeles organizing com-mittee to change the time of the race, scheduled about 5.30pm, but they

scheduled about \$5.30pm, but they took no notice.
"If they won't listen to the doctors, they won't listen to the runners. Luckily, the race is scheduled for a Sunday, the industrial pollution might be a little less the termography might be a less, the temperature might be a little lower. Bur. ideally, the



morning, six or seven o'clock, but it:

doesn't fit in with television.

The only thing the athlete can acclimatize himself for in such a competition is the heat. But there is no way he can condition himself to compete in the pollution. Certain athletes are going to be more prone-to the effects of pollution than others. But it is just like hay fever or

allergic responses. We can't do anything against that."

De Castella, from Canberra, did not compete in last weekend's Los Angeles marathon, held early on Sunday, and won by Gidamis' Shahanga, of Tanzania, the 1982 commonwealth 10,000 metres cham-

More cash for Korea Seoul (Reuter) - The Inter-national Olympic Committee will a give South Korea \$135,000 this years to help promote sports in the -t

#### Third divis Bolton v Port Oxford Li v Bo Plymouth v H Preston NE v Waisali v Brac Fourth div Bristol C v Ald Coichester y S Halifax v Donce Harlegool v Mansfield Hereford y Torquay. Vorthampton v Crewe.

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ATHENNAN LEAGUE: Chafford St Peter v Thercham T; Chertsey T v Burnham; Edgware v Thercham T; Chertsey T v Burnham; Edgware v To v Wolvermon T; Harsfield Li v Barnsteel A; Haringey B v Camberley T; Harices v Harveto & Perkeston; Radhill v Rulskip Manor. Redhill v Rulskip Manor; Whytelaafe v Hoddaadon T. LEAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.00): First Division: Americal v Norwich (London Colney); Futnam v Weet Ham U (Southell): loswich T v Chariton (Portmen Road); Millwal v Cambridge U (Pitham); Orient v Watdord (Ive Farm, Leyton); Portsmouth v Tottenham (Eastrey); Southend U v OPR (Roots Hell). Second division: Brighton v Luton (Lancang College); West Ham U v Swindon (Chadwell Heath).

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IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Cifronville; Baltymens v Cerrick R; Crusadiers v Blensvon; Larne v Bengor; Lufrield v Distiller; Newry T v Blensvon; Larne v Bengor; Lufrield v Distiller; Newry T v Glemoran; Portadown v Colegaine.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divisions: Bedworth v Alvechurch; Creitenham v Kng's Lynx. Corby v Sutton Coldifield; Dorchester v Stouchridge; Farsham v Dartford; Gravesend v Stouchridge; Farsham v Dartford; Gravesend v Stouchridge; Farsham v Dartford; Gravesend v Stouchridge; Farsham v Bartford; Gravesend v Stouchridge; Farsham v Bartford; Bridgmorth v Wellingborn; Bridgworth v Wellingborn; Tarmworth v Motton Keynes. Southern division: Addiseston v Motor Green; Redditch v Rushdert; Tarmworth v Moton Keynes. Southern division: Addiseston v Motorisrd; Basingstoke v Thanet; Cambridge City v Crawley; Dower v Hillingdoor Hounsidew v ford: Basingstoke v Thenet; Cambridge Crawley; Dover v Hälingdor; Houslow v xxy; R S Southempton v Erith and dera; Tonbridge v Cantarthury; Waterloowile v Craznam.
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#### **WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES**

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THAMESRIDE THOPPY: PUBL RESEAR COUNTY LEYDONSTOR and BIOCKS SCHOOL CUP: Semi-finatic Abringdon U y Wokingstern T.
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Warerickshire (Oxford); Bedfordshire A v Suffolk A (Bedford HC): Essex A v Surrey A

Third division Orient v Southend (11.30).. **RUGBY LEAGUE** 

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP Second round Castisford v Warrington (3.30) .. Fulham v Widnes ... Hull K R v Doccaster... Hunslet v Bradford Northern (3.30)... Wakefield T v York (3.30) . Workington T v Leeds (3.30)

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v Blackheath: Mid-Surrey v Hawitz; Old Kingstoniana v Reading: Purley v Oxford University; St Albans v Surbiton; Stough v Cheam; Tube Hill v London University; Wimbledon v Teddington.

EAST LEACHE. Premier division: Bedford v Ipswich; Blueivers v Harleston Magple: Broxbourne v Long Sutton; Cambridge C v Norwich Grassnoppers; Forde v Old Loughtonians; Norfelk W v Bishop's Stortford: Pelicane v Cheimstord; Wesbellin' v St Neots. SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Lyons: Archorians v Cartestrusy; Carchester v Watten; East Grinetead v Trojane; Farehem v Bognor; Folkestone v Eastcote; Indian Cymidnan v Oxford Hawks; Met Police v

**TOMORROW** 

SOUTH LEAGUE Middlesex, First division: Kodak v Si Bernards Hospital (2.45).

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First division (women): Manchest

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Cleveren Bombers v Murrayleid Recors (6.30); Nomrcham Panthers v Ounder Rocker; (6.30); Nomrcham Panthers v Ounder Rocker; (6.30);

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SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool B v Cardiff City:
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(3.30); Huyton v Huddersfield; Keighley v
Bramley (3.15); Rochdale H v Barrow.
HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPONSHIP: Quarter-Innels (2.0);
Cambridgeshire v Gloucestershire (Parkers)
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(4.0); Brighton Bears v Kingston (4.0); Cystal
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ICE HOCKEY BRITISH LEAGUE: Premiter Division: Dunder Rockets v Pile Fivers (7.0); Murrayfield Record v Ayr Brutins (6.30); Streetham Recikins v Durham Wespa (6.30); Whitley Werrioro v Clevetard Bombers (6.30), First Divisione, Algrancham Aces v Grimsby Buttaloes (6.30); Southampton Villinge v Crowtree Chiefs (6.0).

Chancery Division

### Law Report February 25 1984

# Solicitors alerted to consequences of breach of undertaking

Peoples Jewellers Ltd and Whittaker v Jollev

Exclusivity Horlogere Ltd

Before Mr Justice Nourse [Judgment delivered February 23] Failure by intended plaintiffs to issue writs until long after undertakings to do so had been given by them in return for ex parte interim injunctions was a serious breach of those undertakings and accordingly the intended plaintiffs were in contempt of court, but while they were personally blameless and not deserving of any penalty, the failure of their solicitors, upon whom the plaintiffs were relying, to implement those undertakings, was a grave breach of the solicitors' duty to the court which could in certain or abetting of the contempt or alternatively appropriate action might be taken under the court's punitive or compensatory jurisdiction over solicitors for example by

making a report to the Law Society. Mr Justice Nourse so held in the Chancery Division in respect of hearings in which each firm of solicitors had been required to attend with counsel in order to give an explanation of the apparent breach of the undertaking. His Lordship decided to take no action in any of the three cases but gave due warning that a similarly lenient approach might not be appropriate in the future.

Mr Simon Berry for Refson & Co; Mr Edward Bragiel for Exclusivity Horlogere Ltd; Mr Roger Kaye for Mr Whittaker.

MR JUSTICE NOURSE said that in the week before Christmas three intended plaintiffs in three separate intended actions were granted ex parte interim injunctions over the beginning of this term on undertakings to issue a writ in two cases "forthwith" and in the third "as soon as reasonably practicable". There was no difference in meaning or effect between those two

CXDICSSIONS. It was usual to grant such relief in urgent cases but unusual and deplorable that in each of those cases the writ was not issued until iong after the undertaking was given the periods being 16 days, 18 days and 19 days respectively.

intended plaintiff in each case was in breach of his undertaking and accordingly in contempt of court. Although each undertaking in of his solicitors.

plaintiff's solicitors.

Each firm was required to attend with counsel on the return day for the inter partes motion in order to give an explanation for the apparent breach of the undertaking a an adjournment in each case counsel was heard on the merits judgment being reserved in each

in Refson & Co Lid v Saggers where an interim injunction had been granted by Mr Justice Harman

issued on December 20 or in any event before the writ office closed

cases neither counsel nor solicitors initially recognized the seriousness of the matter, in both cases the interim injunctions were granted by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at about pm, and shortly after opm on December 22. Those writs ought to have been issued on December 28. 29, or 30 when the writ office was

communications from the court having been received on January 9 solicitors shared the blame. In the other, the solicitors apparently

accordance with practice, was the undertaking of the intended plaintiff himself, it was obvious that its expeditious implementation was the concern of his legal advisers; principally but not exclusively, that of his souctions.

In each case the writ was not issued imili after the court had communicated with the intended.

just after 4 pm on December 19 of last term both counsel and solicitors unreservedly acknowledged the breach of the undertaking and fully recognized the seriousness of it. The writ ought to have been

on December 22, but the legal executive concerned, under heavy pressure of work, simply overlooked it. His office closed on December 23 re-opening on January 3, when the communication was received from the court and the writ was issued on It appeared that in the other two

open again, or in any event on or shortly after January 3.

They were not issued in fact until

In one of those cases, counsel and ught that the undertaking would be complied with provided that the required work was completed Often there was before the court an

January 9 and 10 respectively, the

by the return day on January 12. However, all counsel and solicitors responsible had since recog-nized the seriousness of the matter and had expressed their apologies Order 29 rule 1(3) of the Rules of

the Supreme Court provided that a plaintiff might not make an application for the grant of an injunction "before the issue of the writ or originating summons by which the cause or matter is to be begun except where the case is one of urgency, and in that case the injunction applied for may be granted on terms providing for the issue of the writ or summons and such other terms, if any, as the court As was pointed out by Mr Justice

Stamp in *In re N (Infants)* ([1967] Ch 512, 527, 528) that provision gave effect to two alternative practices which dated from the last sarter of the nincteenth century or thereabouts. The first and stricter practice was to grant an injunction in urgent cases where on account of the office

being closed the writ was not issued, being retained by the judge of registrar and passed to the central office at the cartiest opportunity with instructions to treat it as if issued at the time it passed into official custody. The second and more lenient practice was to require an under-taking to issue the writ immediately it was possible to do so, without the

writ coming into the custody of the judge or registrar, in which case it appeared to have been the practice to date the writ with the date on which it was actually issued and to add a note that it was to be treated as if issued as at the date of the undertaking. The current practice in the Chancery Division was in general in accordance with the foregoing observations of Mr Justice Stamp

any note that it was to be treated as issued as the date of the undertaking.

Further it was now well established that there was no difficulty in passing and entering an order headed in the matter of an intended action between A and B'

although it should be emphasized that the writ would be dated with

the date on which it was actually

issued and without the addition of

least the draft of an indorsement on the writ. Thus in Whittaker v Jolley

In other cases, however, it was the practice to make the order without the judge having a sight of any document and to tailor the undertaking accordingly. Thus in Reison & Co Ltd v Saggers the "claiming relief similar to or connected with that hereinafter granted". Again in Exclusivity livelogere Ltd v Peoples Jewellers Lid the undertaking was to issue a writ "claiming relief similar to that as explained by counsel".

view of some arguments by counsel, in particular to the effect that the defendant had not been prejudiced by the failure to issue the writ expeditiously or that negotiations for a settlement were taking place, his Lordship stated plainly what lay in the seriousness of the It was simply that in the generality of cases the court had no

urisdiction to grant an injunction or any other form of relief before the ssue of an originating process. The mere statement of a principle so obvious and fundamental sufficiently demonstrated that it was incapable of elaboration. If the court agreed to make an exception under Order 29, rule 1(3) return for an undertaking

forthwith to cure what would otherwise be a defect in its jurisdiction it was manifestly a serious matter if it was let down by default on the undertaking.

Although the intended defendant could complain in due course the default was in the first instance omething which rested between the intended plaintiff and the court There was also the important

matter of the fee payable on the

sealing of the writ currently £55

practicable.

ought to be paid as soon as

In none of those three cases had the defendant complained of the breach of the undertaking. Both Refson & Co Ltd v Saggers and Whittaker v Jolley were settled before argument on the merits. In Exclusivity Horlogere Ltd v Peoples Jewellers Ltd where relief was originally granted and had since been continued in Mareva form, the two individual defendants appeared. very likely on the evidence misappropriated the plaintiff's Property.
None of the breaches, although

any penalty for contempt of court, since it was clear in each case that the plaintiff personally was blameless for what had happe With regard to the solicitors, a failure to issue a writ on behalf of an intended plaintiff could in certain circumstances amount to an aiding priate to take action under the

court's punitive or compensatory jurisdiction over solicitors for

serious in themselves, was deserving of the imposition on the plaintiff of

example by making a report to the Law Society: see R. & T. Thew Ltd v Recves (No 2) ([1982] QB 1283). It was to be emphasized that even though the undertaking was that of the intended plaintiff and not of his solucitor, a failure by a solicitor to implement an undertaking to the court which he knew that his client had given and was expressly or impliedly relying on him to implement was prima facie a grave breach of the solicitor's duty to the court even where it occurred as in those three cases through forgetful-

misguided understanding of what was expected of him. Although his Lordship had decided to take no action in any of the three cases he gave due warning that a similarly lenient approach might not be appropriate in the

ness or dilatoriness or a mistaken if

It was the duty of the court where ecessary to act of its own motion either in regard to an apparent contempt or under its jurisdiction over solicitors subject always to due observance of the necessary procedural requirements. With regard to costs it was well

within the power of the court to disallow the plaintiff costs which

would normally be awarded to him

or to order him to pay costs which would normally be borne by the In Refson & Co Ltd v Saggers and Whittaker v Jolley the terms of the settlement of each case included provision for the whole or some part of the plaintiff's costs but in both cases the defendants were willing to leave the terms as they stood, and

accordingly such costs were re-

In Exclusivity Horlogere Lid Proples Jewellers Ltd, while the defendants had no merit, his Lordship to mark the court's disapproval of the breach, disallowed the costs of the ex parte application and made no order in

spect of them.

The court had power, if the circumstances required it, to order a solicator to pay costs personally subject to due observance of the necessary procedural requirements. His Lordship had considered whether there should be a change in current practice and had discussed the matter with the Vice-Chancellor no had authorized him to say that agreed that, subject to the following observations, there should be no change in the current practice in this division:

I Wherever possible there should be put before the court the draft of an endorsement on the writ and preferably an engrossed writ ready for issue. In cases where relief was sought over the telephone the material part or parts of the drait endorsement should normally be read to the judge. Only in cases of very exceptional urgency should the court be asked to act without a sight or hearing of the material part or parts of the draft endorsement. 2 Athough there was no differ-

ence in meaning or effect between an obligation to issue a writ "forthwith" or "as soon as practicable" or "as soon as reasonably practicable" the first of those formulae was to be preferred and should normally be adopted Further, the writ should normally be expressed to be "in the form of the said draft writ or summons" or to claim "relief substantially similar to that hereinafter granted" as the case might require. 3 As was the case with any other

undertaking relating to the conduct of proceedings, it was the duty of a solicitor acting for an intended plaintiff on whose behalf an indertaking was given to the court to issue a writ to see that it was properly and expeditiously implemented: and counsel who was instructed to give such an undertaking might sometimes regard it as his duty to remind the solicitor of his. Solicitors: Beachcroft: Peters & Peters; Barradales, Leicester.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-innels (2.0): Cambridgeshire v Gloucestershire (Parkers Piece, Cembridge); Hertfordshire v Cheekre (St Albane HC); Surrey v Modisess (Cheam HC); Yorkehre v Worcestershire (Huddersfield

Queen's Bench Division

#### Consent required for late amendment

Transport and Another Before Mr Justice Neill [Judgment delivered February 23]

The High Court had no power, except with the consent of the parties, to allow an amendment to pleadings which would introduce into the proceedings a cause of action which had arisen after the date of the issue of the writ. Mr Justice Neill so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment in open court upon six summonses heard together in chambers whereby the plaintiffs had sought summary judgment against the defendants and leave to amend their pleadings in respect of further failures to pay instalments due under two charterparties and a subsequent agreement which had occurred after the issue

of the writs in respect of previous Mr Charles Haddon-Cave for the plaintiffs: Mr Victor Lyon for the

MR JUSTICE NEILL said that in Zea Star Shipping Company SA v Parley Augustsson (Invest) A/S (unreported, December 12, 1983), Mr Justice Sheen had allowed plaintiffs to amend their statement of claim so as to add a claim for further instalments of hire which

Chuan Chow Maritime SA had fallen due since the issue of the writ in an action for instalments due. under a hire contract.

However, his Lordship did not feel able to follow that peruasive decision. In Eshelby v Federated Feel Divisional Court had held that a file. writ could not be amended to bring. in a cause of action which was non-existent when the writ was issued unless the parties consented, and Lord Justice Scrutton had said iff albeit obiter, that it was contrary to the universal practice to allow a claim to be added for an instalment. which had fallen due since the issue is of the wnt.

The judgment of Mr Justice Swift in the Divisional Court in Eshelby,'s case was referred to at length by the... Court of Appeal in Roban Jig and Tool Cu v Taylor ([1979] FSR 130), and no indication had there been? given of any disapproval of his statement of the practice. Thus while there was no binding, cedent in the Court of Appeal onthe point, his Lordship considered

that as a judge of first instance he should follow what appeared to he the long-standing practice and would therefore hold that he had no iurisdiction to allow the amendant

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick &...

# Volunteer cannot claim damages

Sherrard v British Gates (and Timber) Ltd.

There was no provision in English law to compensate a person who sustained injury when he lent a helping hand unless it could be shown that there was a fault on the part of the other party, Mr Justice kilner Brown held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 17 giving a reserved judgment for the defendants against the plaintiff who sustained injuries in an accident while helping to load and move logs

HIS LORDSHIP said that the neighbour and some duty of carewas therefore owed to him by the defendant company unless in the circumstances that duty was abrogated. He was legally a volutteer.

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TRUSTEE ACTS

#### Restricting parallel imports of cameras

Hasselblad (GB) Lid V Commission, supported by Camera Care Ltd Case 86: 82

Before: Judge J. Mertens de Wilmars, President, and Judges K. Bahimann, Y. Galmot, P. Pescatore, A. O'seeffe, G. Bosco and U.

Advocate General: Sie Gordon

[Judgment delivered: February 21] By a decision of December 2, 1981 the Commission found that (i) a concerted practice between a Swedish company called VHAB, which manufactured high quality photographic equipment, and six of its sole distributers, among them an English company called HGB, which distributed Hasselbilad equipment in the Linuter Kingdom to ment in the United Kingdom, to prevent limit or discourage exports of Hasselblad equipment between the member states; (ii) the sol distributorship agreements made between VHAB and the sole distributors, and (iii) the selective distribution system applied by HGB since 1974, constituted infringements of article \$5 (1) of the EEC

Treaty.
HGB was fined £93.642 and from was fined \$25.042 and brought an action for the annulment of the decision. In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Comminities held as follows: Although article 190 of the Treaty

required the Commission to justifying the decision and the consideration which led to its adoption, it did not require the Commission to discuss all the issues of fact and law which were raised

during the administrative pro-HGB contended that article 85(1) was inapplicable because its market share was negligible and therefore

its conduct could not appreciably effect trade between member states. That could not be accepted. VHAB stated that it was the world leader in the sector of medium format reliex cameras HGB uself considered that the reputation of Hasselblad cameras vas greater thea that of any other camera in the world and they were much sought after by professionals and highly-qualified amateurs. Even

if the number of cameras manufactured each year was not very great, the turnover of VHAB and HGB was considerable.

It was impossible to take the view that the restriction of trade in those cameras between member states had no appreciable effect on intra-Community trade. HGB engaged in a concerted practice contrary to article \$5 armer

at restricting parallel imports into the United Kingdom between May 1978 and December 1979, it sought to stop supplies of Hasselblad equipment to a company called Camera Care and to that end appreciated VHAB and the distribu-

ors of Hasselblad in Ireland, France The Commission was unable to show that cameras which were the subject of parallel imports had to wait longer for repairs with HGB. than did the same cameras in other number states. It was only able to show that the applicant reserved special advantages for its own customers (a 24-hour repair service

and two-year guarantee).

In the circumstances, such conduct could not be regarded as resticting the supply of parallel imports where they were fully covered by the manufacturer's normal guarantee which the distributor was under an obligation to provide. The existence of concerned practice aimed at restricting parallel imports intended for Camera Care was sufficient to exclude block exemption under regulation No

HGB's dealer agreement pro-hibited the sale of Hasselblad comeras to other dealers, including authorized dealers in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. A prohib-ition on sales between authorized dealers constitutes a restriction of their economic freedom and consequently a restriction of competition. The fact that HGB never impeded exports by its dealers was not sufficient to preclude the existence of a clear prohibition of exports.

HGB scrutinized the wording of advertisements made by its dealers as to selling prices and drafted the dealer agreement in such a way as to permit it to prohibit such advertise-

HGB restricted the number of authorized dealers because a dealer was required to keep a given number of cameras in stock and, if many dealers were authorized, the

many dealers were authorized, the sales prospects of some would not justify the maintenance of the required stock.

The Commission was justified in concluding that HGB's selection of dealers was based not only on quantitative but also on qualitative criteria. The dealer agreement allowed HGB to restrict the freedom of dealers to establish their business. of dealers to establish their business in a location in which it considered their presence capable of influencing

The Commission was therefore right in finding that the dealer agreement infringed article \$5(1). It was wrong to find that, so far as concerned clause 6 of the agreement, article \$5(1) had been infringed in the period before January 1, 1979 because clause 6 had been introduced only from that date.

At the time of the concerted practices HGB was no longer a party to the agreement which VHAB had notified to the Commission but was bound by another agreement. It could not therefore rely on the notification of the former in order to escape the line.

The aim of the concerted practice The aim of the concerned practice was to prevent imports into the United Kingdom of Hasselblad cameras intended for Camera Care and as such constituted a flagrant breach of the competition rules.

The commission fixed the fine on

The commission fixed the fine on the basis of various matters which it failed to prove in the proceedings before the court.

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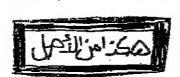
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# Saturday

Television and radio programmes **Edited by Peter Dear** 

BBC 1

young (r). 9,15 Sunday Worship from the chapel, St

John's College, Nottingham. 10.80 Asian Magazine

Kelp. Lesson 18: Geometry (r)

10.55 Greek - Language and

highlights young Asian magician Guru Rangasia

10.30 Play & Safel presented by

Paople. Part eight (r).

11.20 Inside YTS. Programme three

of the series on the Youth Training Scheme in action.

11.45 Machus Jaffrey's In Cookery Course. Recipe

programms for the hard of hearing, 12.35 Making the Most of the Misro (r), 1.00 Ferming, 1.25 Teking Stock, The joys of being 50 in the 1980s (r), 1.50 Meres

1.55 Film: The Belle of St Mary's"

(1945) starring Bing Crosby

and ingrid Bergman, Sentimental story of a school that has fallen on hard times

of Father O'Malley and Sister Superior. Directed by Leo McCarey, 3.55 Bonanza. A

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One Night in November, Terry

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November day, 5.15 Goodbye Mr Chips, Part five and Chips

southern India; there are reports from the ski slopes of

the Sierra Nevada, the beaches of the Costa del Sol

eight programmes on self-

5,45 News with Jan Leeming.

\$.30 Streetwise. The second of

7.15 One by One. Episoda five of

the series based on the Zoo Vet books by David Taylor.

6.48 Songs of Praise from Southwark Cathedral.

5.55 Holiday. John Carter samples the heat and the dust of

and is searching for new

savers winter hits the

12.10 See Heart A magazine

8.20 Open University, Until 8.50.

9.00 Postman Pat. For the very

# Sunday

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7.25 Good Morning British

7.39 Bub-a-Oub-Tub-Entertainment

news and weather at \$.30; aport at \$.35; a review of the

ITV/LONDON

9.25 LWT Internation, 9.30 Me and

My Camera. Lord Lichfield with hints on how to take

group photographs (r). 19.00 Morning Warship from Victoria Methodist Church, Ciliton.

Methodist Church, Ciliton, Bristol, 11,06 Getting On. Magazina programme for the siderly. This week the subject

is bingo in Grimsby, 11.30 Crafts Marie Simole, Ken

Foord with the first of a six-

the effects of acid rain. 1.05 Police 5. 1.16 the Big Match. Brian Moore Introduces

brian Moore impoduces highlights from two of yesterday's football first division matches, 2,00 Encounter Why Neil and Jackie Biles gave up a comfortable living to become watches of a Church à marketical of a church à church à church à marketical of a church à c

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hostel in central London.

followed by Film: The Mor

That Roared. (1980) starring Pater Sellers and Jean

country that declares war on

the United States, Directed by

dventure based on the novel

and general knowledge game

Highway. Harry Secombs on a musical tour of Portsmouth.

presented by Max Bygraves.

starring Barry Newman and Suzy Kendall. Thriller based

a man out to revenge the

10.00 Spitting Image. A new series of topical satire using

18.30 The South Bank Show, Mehryr

11.30 London news headlines followed by The Protectors starring Robert Vaughn and

12.30 Night Thoughts from Michael Meacher, MP.

Trevor Griffiths.

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9.45 News.

death of his wife, son and

brother. Directed by Michael

caricatures made by the talented Luck and Flaw team.

Bragg talks to the playwright

Starring robbert vaugrin and Nyree Dawn Porter. Harry Rule is on a train journey with a killer, little regilating that he is the killer's intended victim.

on the Alistair McLean story of

of Leon Garfield, set in the

Seberg, Comedy about an

impoverished Europeen

Jack Arnold, 4.30 Jack Holbern, Part six of the

5.00 Bullseye. Jim Bowen with another edition of the darts

S.30 Sunday Sunday. Gloric Hunniford's guests include Frankle Howerd and Leonard

7.15 Family Fortunes. The Prices of Branwell meet the Millers of

Menseysida in a quiz

7.45 Film: Fear is the Key (1972)

19th century.

6.30 News.

2.30 London news headlines

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12.00 Weekend World investig

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8.35 Godzilla. (r). 9.00 Saturday re presented by Mike Read, Keith Chegwin and Sarah Greene. Today's guests include Kajagoogoo, Devid Grant, Roger Daltrey and Martin Dantels. 12,12

12.15 Grandstand introduced by David Coleman. The line-up is: 12.26 Football focus; 12.45 News headlines; 12.50 Highlights from the third and final one-day cricket match between New Zealand and England in Auckland; 1.20 and 2.10 Boxing from this week's bill at the Albert Hall

1.40 Racing review. Kieran Prendiville examines the Irish racing scene prior to coverage of three races from Punchestown, - The Jack Peter and Paul Doyle Hurdle (2.00); the Diners Club Steeplechase (2.30) and the Ladbroke National Trial Handicap Steeplechase (3,00); 2.40 and 3,10 Swimming competition between Great Britain and West Germany; 3.30 and 3.55 Highlights of one of this afternoon's State Express Rugby League Challenge Cup matches: 3.50 Half times 4.40 Final score.

5.05 News with Jan Leeming. 5.15 Sport and regional news. 5.20 The Rod and Emu Show. Music and laughter from Rhyl

Sun Centre. 5.55 Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true for another batch of lucky young

6.30 Film: The Great Waldo Pepper (1975) starring Robert Redford in the title role, a 1920s flying circus stunt pilot whose ambition is to outdo the legendary exploits of the German flying ace, Ernst Kessier. Produced and directed by George Roy Hill.

1.15 The Les Dawson Show. The final programme of the series features Bertice Reading and the Roly Polys

8.45 News with Jan Leeming; and sports results. 9.00 The Odd Job Man. The third and final episode of the thriller about George Griffin, an ination expert working for British Intelligence and the CIA. Tonight he manages to find a cottage hide-out for the East German, Tauber

9.50 Wogan. The guests tonight include Dalles actress, Victoria Principal and John Mortimer. 19.40 Match of the Day introduced by Jimmy Hill. Highlights from two of this afternoon's first

11.30 The Late Night Horror: The

Ghoul (1975) starring Peter Cushing and John Hurt. Two high-spirited couples have a car race to Lands End but before they reach their destination tog brings them to a halt and into the welcoming arms of the owner of a lonely. dark, mansion. Directed by Freddle Francis.

TV-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly and Toni Arthur, News and weather at 7.00 and 8.00; sport at 7.10; Jeni Barnett's pick of the week at 6.30; George Best at 7.15 and cooking hints from Rustie Lee at 8.15

8.40 Data Run includes news of the 1984 Toy Fair; viewers' poems; pop group Siede; and

#### ITV/LONDON

9,25 LWT Information. 9,30 Sesara: Street, Learning made fun by the Muppets 10.30 The Saturday Show. The 50th programme and the special guest is Jeremy Beadle, famous for the odd anniversaries he imparts on TV-am. Winners of the Knight Rider competition talk about their prize-winning trip to

Hollywood, 12.15 World of Sport Introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20 The US Indoor athletic Championships; 12.35 The National Breakdown Raily, held in north Yorkshire; 12.45 News 12.50 On the Ball with lan St John and Jimmy Greaves; 1.20 The ITV Six: from Doncaster the 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 races, from Kempton the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 events 2.55 Darts. The Greene King World

Challenge between England and the Rest of the World at Cheltenham: 3.40 a preview of tonight's fight to be shown ave on ITV at 10.15 between Britain's Tony Sibson and the French European middleweight champion, Louis Acarles; 3.45 half-time scores and reports 4.00 Wrestling from Winsford 4.45 Results

5.00 News 5.06 Fraggie Rock. 5.35 The Fall Guy. Adventures of a stunt man turned bounty

6.30 Child's Play. Young children's descriptions are interpreted by

7.00 3-2-1 Quiz game presented by Ted Rogers, this week with a country theme. 8.00 Film: Silver Streek (1976) starring Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor, Comedy set on board a train travelling to Chicago concerning a murdered professor and a book publisher. Worth

watching for the spectacular ending. Directed by Arthur 10.00 News and sport. 10.15 Boxing. Live coverage of the fight in Paris between Britain's Tony Sibson and the holder of the European middleweight title, Franchman, Louis

11.15 London news headlines followed by Rock Concert leaturing the Afro-rock band, 12.15 Best of Saturday Night Live

with Richard Pryor, the Muppets and Gil Scott-Heron. Night Thoughts from Michael Meacher, MP.

Leonard Bernstein conducts the SBC Symphony Orchestra in interpretation of Elgar's (88C 2, 7.45pm)

#### BBC 2

6.25 Open University: until 3.19 3.10 Film: The Iron Mask\* (1929) starring Douglas Fairbanks Senior. Swashbuckling adventures of the Three

4.30 Film: Sinbad the Sellor (1947) starring Douglas Fairbanks Junior, Like father, like son, Junior arms himself with a sword as he goes on the trail of treasure. Directed by

Richard Wallace. 6.25 Modern Art. Pissaro: An Open University production in which T. J. Clarke discusses the attempts by Pissarro to marry his left-wing political beliefs with his art.

6.50 Sight and Sound in Concert. David Hepworth Introduces a concert given by Aswad,

7.30 News from Jan Learning plus sports details and weather. 7.45 Eigar's Enigma. In memory of the composer's death fifty years ago this month, the programme follows the BBC Symphony Orchestra, leader Rodney Friend, conductor Leonard Bernstein as they rehearse for and perform Bernateln's personal interpretation of the Enigma

9.50 Strangers and Brothers. Episode sevan and a new

Eliot, Margaret Devidson (r).

10.40 The Light of Experience Revisited. Five people who appeared in the series The Light of Experience, five years ago, talk to Bel Mooney about what they have learned in the ntervening years. Tonight's subject is ex-convict turned Anglican minister, Roy Catchpole, now a vicar in a working class parish in Nottingham.

11.00 John D Loudermilk and his Music. Highlights of the singer's concert recorded at the Kenton Theatre, Henley, tth guests The Fureys and Davey Arthur. 11.30 News

11.35 Cricket: highlights of the third and final one-day game between New Zealand and England in Auckland: Ends at 12.20,

Society, David Watt tooks at Socialism in British. Contributions from Neil Kinnock,

Torry Benn, Len Murray and Sikiley Williams. Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Concert. Part one. Opus & Concerts Grosso by Handel and hu Concerts.

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8.49 A State Rubbed Clean. Tribute to World War 1 poet Charles Hamilton Soriey, read by Martin

9.40 Late Night Schoenberg. Dutch Schoenberg Ensemble, recorder at 1983 Edinburgh Festival, play Plerrot Luneirei 10,15 Interval Portifies

Reading. 19.25 Schoenberg, Part two, including Bretti-Lieder and Die elserne

VHF: Open University 8.55-7.15ara, 8.55 Science Study Hints, 7.15 Maths Foundation Tutorial, 7.35 Social Sciences Magazine, 11.20pm-12.00am, 11.20 Wity We Should Reason Well, 11.40 19th Century Novel.

Radio 2

News on the hour until 1.00 pm and then from 6.00 (except 8.00 pm and 9.00); Headlines: 6.30 am, 7.30; major builetins: 7.00em, 8.90 and 12.00

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4.00 Martin Stanford' Incl 4.02; 5.02
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Cricket 7.50 Racing Bulletin, 8.05 Devid Jacobs' 18.00 Sounds of the 60st with Keith Fordyoe, 11.09 Album Timet with Peter Clayton, Incl 11.02 Sports Desit.
1.00pm Bernie Clifton's Comedy Shop with Pat Mooney, Tony Peers and Caroline Turner. 1.30 Sport on 2: Cricket: Reports from Auckland on England's final match in New Zealand. Swimming: The Sun Life International.

Swimming: The Sun Life International Great Britain v West German at Crysta Palace, Tennis: Commentary on The Davis Cup at Telford between Britain

Brigadet News, Until 11.12.

#### CHANNEL 4

1.55 Make It Pay How to make money from a hobby (r). 2.20 Film: Rage in Heaven\* (1941) starring Robert Monigomery, Ingrid Bergman and George Sanders, Orama about a hatches a plan to frame his

4.00 Film: Return to Glennesceul

Hilton Edwards. 4.20 Joie de Vivre" An animated film made in 1934 by Anthony

4.30 Mana Majone, American comedy series starring British actress Life Kaye.

5.05 Brookside. A compliation of the week's two spisodes. 6.00 No Problem, Cornedy series about a black London family.

6.30 The Other Side of the Tracks. Paul Gambaccini talks to Chrissie Hyde about how she and Martin Chambers re-formed the group The

7.30 News headlines and weather followed by Union World.

and Irica Chilkov who except from Leningrad to a social security existence in this 8.30 Sk William in Search of Xanadu. The story of Glasgor

9.30 The Avengers. Steed and Tara rescue Tara's uncle from a holiday hotel 10.30 Tennis: Davis Cup. Highlights

of the doubles in the match between Great Brittsin and 11.45 Film: The Mask of Dimitrios\* (1944) starring Sydney Greenstreat. Thriffer based or

Eric Ambier story about a Dutch author who becomes intrigued by the murder of a criminal in Istanbul. Directed by Jean Negule

BBC Big Band, incl 19.02 Sports Lebel. 10.05 Saturday Rendezvoust with Dhelis Tracy (continued on Medium Wave). 10.25 Boxing special: European Middleweight Title. Tony Sibson v Luis Acanes in the Palais de Sport, Paris. 11.30 Ken Brucet With his selection of music. 1.00em Jean Challaf presents Hightride. 3.00 -4.00 Pop over Europet Labelina von Senger.

Radio 1

News on the hart-hour until 12.30 pm, then 2.30, 3.50, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midright (MF MW).
6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Balckburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00pm Hiswine USAT The Story of Motown (Part 5) 2.00 Paul Cambeophit 4.00 Saturday Livet-with Richard Skinner and Andy Batton-Foster. 6.20 in Concert treaturing Aswad at the Marcus Garvey Cartre, Northingham (A simultaneous broadcast with BBC2). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Gary Davies. VHF Radio 1 and 2: 4.00em with Radio 2. 10.25 Saturday Rendezvous. 11.00 Ken Brace. 11.30-4.00em With Radio 2.

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Scoks. 9.15 What's News. 8.30 People and
Politics. 10.00 World News. 10.09 From Our
Own Commengordent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.46
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2.30 Sports Review. 2.30 World News. 2.38
Review of the British Press. 2.15 Short Story.
2.30 Sports Review. 2.30 World News. 2.31
News About Britain. 3.15 From Our
Correspondent. 3.30 Just A Ministe. 4.00
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Letterbox. 4.38 The Bech Femily. 5.45 Letter

7.15 British Socialism Redefined? in Interval. 9.30 Big Band Specialt with the common wast of the Fabian RRC Ris Bend Inc. 18 77 Special Pack

triend for murder. Directed by W S Van Dyke II.

(1951) starring Orson Wells. A ghost story, set in Ireland, about a traveller who gives a lift to a young men who recalls how he once gave a lift to two unusual women. Directed by

8.00 Twenty Twenty Vision: Escape From the USSR. The story of Russian couple Oleg

8.05 Mastermind from University College, Cardiff. The speci subjects are - history of costume since 1400; epic novels of R F Delderfleid; the ife and works of Duke Ellington; and the life and works of John Keats. shipping magnete and art collector Sir William Berret. 8.35 Ever Decreasing Circles. The last on the comedy series.

9.05 News with Jan Learning. 9,20 That's Life presented by Esther Rantzen. 0.05 Everyman: Your Heighbour's

Son - The Making of a Torturer. The story of Michalls Patrou, one of the chief torturers of the Greek Colonels' regime. 0.45 The World of Cooking. Derek

of Japanese cooking. 11.15 Phil Silvers\* as Sergeant 11.40 Weather.

Radio 4

8.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken, 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News. 7.00 News; 7,10 Sunday Papers. 7.15

Apna Hi Gher Samelhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leeves. 7.55 Weather; Travel;

Programme News.

8,90 News. 8,18 Sunday Papers.

8,19 Sunday.

8,59 Week's Good Cause: Darek Nimmo appeals on behalf of the Queen Elizabeth's Foundation to the Classet Sea Monther. the Disabled, 8.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News. 9.08 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America with Alletair

8.30 Morning Service from Caterham School, Surrey. 10.15 The Archers. Omnibus adition. 11.15 Weekend. 12.06 Smash of the Day: I'm Sorry I'll

12.06 Smash of the Day: I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again starring John Glees, Tim Brooks-Taylor, David Hatch, Jo Kendall, Bill Oddie.
12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World This Weekend: News.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News: Gardeners' Cuestion Time visits North Humberside.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre' Shpping Away by Elizabeth Troop.
4.00 News; Tailong About Antiques.
4.30 The Living World: The Winged Biood-drop.
5.00 News: Taylong

News; Travel. Down Your We Down Your Way visits Ramagate, Kent. 6.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather, Programma News.

8.50 Wereau a.
8.15 Faecback with Simon Bates.
8.30 Soundingvian Journey, Julian Hale vists the small paper-meking factory fown of Lita Edet.
7.80 Travel; The Birds of Dawning by John Masefield. A serial in six

parts (1). 7.30 Bookshelf, Radio 4's book 7-3p Pogramms.

8.89 Never Sing Louder Than Lovely.
A protrait of Dame Isobel Balite,
who ded in September last year

aged 58.
8.45 The Hidden Years. The fourth of six extracts from the forthcoming novel by Neil Boyd: a compelling story about the early soult life of

Jesus. 9.00 News-Kipps. The Story of a Skriple Soul by H G Wells. Drametized in tive parts (2), 9.58 Weather.

BBC1 Wales 3.55pm-4.45 Sports Line-up followed by news headines). Rugby Union: Action from the game between Lianelli and Portypool. Soccar: Round-up of the weekend's news and results. 10.05-10.45 Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chet Show.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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My Camera. 11.25 Look and Sec. 11.3012.00 South West Week, 1,00pm
Gardens for Al. 1.30-2.00 Farming
News. 2.30 Livetine, 5.30 Buitseye, 5,006.30 Jack Holborn. 7.45-8.46 Film:
Hireling. (Robert Shaw), 11.30 Big
Match. 12.15em Postcript. Closedown,

8.25am Professor Kitzel 9.30-10.00 About Britain. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Carnera. 1.30-12.00 Me and My Carnera. 1.30-130 Logo Metal. 3.15-4.30 Film: Bjack Swan (Tyrone Power). 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint, 7.45-8.00 Film: Buck and the Prescher (Sydney Politer). 11.30 England Their England. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except \$.25am-10.00 Getting On. 11.09 Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.90pm-1.15 Smurts. 2.36 Film: Stolen Hours (Susan Hayward). 4.29-4.90 Carbon. 5.30-8.30 We'll Meet Again. 11.30 Parting Gift. 12.30ara Five Minutes, Closedown.

With Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Carners. 1.00pm At Eass. 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.38 Sig Match. 3.15 OED. 4.18-4.36 Cartoon. 6.30-6.36 Return of the Saint. 11.30

Harvest Jazz, 12.00 House Calls, 12.30

Follow my Leader, Closedo

Dearest, and A Cuckoc on the Nest. 5.30 Bullseye, 6.00-6.39 Jack Hotborn. 7.45-5.45 Film: Hiraling, 11.30 Big Match, 12.15am Closedown.

Sidney Politier). 11.30 Closedown.

Durham countryside. 4.45 The Motor Show presented by Chris Goffey and Diane Goodman. Engine rebuilding and a guest driving a surprise vehicle are among the items. 5.15 News headlines and weather followed by 7 Days, Michael Charlton and Helene Hayman with guests discuss the moral and rebgious values behind the past week's news stories.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 The Making of Britain. Dr Alfred Smyth evaluates the

legacy of the Viking occupation of Britain

2.00 Tennis: Davis Cup from

and Italy.

1.30 Irish Angle. The week's news as seen by Radio Telefis

Telford. Coverage of the

4.15 Jack's Game, Jack Charlton

Eireann and Ulster Television

reverse singles matches in the contest between Great Britam

on a day's rough shoot in the

Richard Briers, Penelope Witton and Peter Egan star in the last programme of the comedy series Ever Decreasing Circles (BBC 1, 8.35pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University until 1.55.

the match between London Weish.

Bergers,

3.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of the match between Bristol and

3.59 Newsnight's February. Peter Snow introduces two films seen recently on Newsnight – The New Argentina and The

4.40 International Swimming from Crystal Palace. Highlights of the Sun Life International

between Great Britain and West Germany.

5.10 Wales! Wales? The first of a

Leeming.
6.30 The Money Programme.
Among the items this week is

7.15 International Pro-Celebrity

and Alex Higgins.

8.35 All The World's a Stage.

an examination of the oros.

and cons of laying down fine

Gotf. Tom Watson and Kenny

Lynch challenge Greg Norman

Ronald Harwood examines the original, bawdy, entertainment

that eventually grew into poetic drama.

9.30 Did You See ... ? Everyman's

Channel Four's Diverse Reports and All the World's A

Stage are discussed by lain Hamilton, Catherine Freeman

(1979) starring Judy Davis and Sam Neill, The first showing

on British television of the

Australian-made film about Sybylia Meivyn, a young girl brought up on a farm in the

traces her steps to achieve her

cultured woman with a brilliant career. Directed by Gillian Armstrong. Ends at 12.00.

Australian bush. The film

ambition of becoming a

Beaumont Bowes.1
4.95 Zorosstre: Jean-Phillipe
Rameau's five act opera, sung in

Rameau's five act opera, surg in the French 1756 version, to end Radio 3's celebration of Rameau's tercentary. Played by La Petite Bande, under Sigiswald Kuijken, with John Elwas in the title role. Acts one and two,f 5-25 The Aragon Enigms. Translator and historian Richard Mayns examines the lite of Louis Aragon, surrealist, resistence

Aragon, surrealist, resistance leader and man of letters.
5.45 Zorosstre. Act 3.1
6.25 Interval Reading.
6.35 Zorosstre. Acts 4 and 5.1
7.55 Beethoven. Sonata in F min, Op. 57 (Appassionata), played by John Oodon.1

John Ogdon.†
2.15 The Trials of K. Patrick Carnegy looks at the life of Franz Kafka in the context of his book The Trial.

the context of his book The Trial.

Witheim Furtwangler. First complete performence of the conductor/composer's third symph, completed in 1954, BBC Symph Orch, conducted by Brian Wright.

10.16 For a Living. Works by the American poet Tess Gallagher?

10.36 Equals Brass. Works by Farneby, Wiltred Josephs (first broadcast performance of Sonata for Brass Quintet), Alun Hoddinotti

11.15 News

VHF: Open University: 6.15, 6.55

7.55, 8.55 Modern Art-Baudelaire. 7.15 Three Perspectives on Personality. 7.35 The First Years of Life.

Radio 2

4.00am Martin Stanfordt 6.00 Shella Tracyt 7.39 Paul McCowell says Good Morning Sundayt inct 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood. 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for Yout 11.00 Desmond Carrington Radio 2 All-Time Greatst 12.30pm The Best of Bantine. The last of six programmes written and performed by Michael Bentinet Inct. 12.59 Sports Dask. 1.00 Terry Wogan with Two's Bestt 2.00 Bentry Greent 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easyt 4.00

11.15 News

Hours By the Window,

and Terry Hands.

10.15 Naws with Jan Leeming.

10.20 Film: My Brilliant Career

6.00 News Review, with Jan

wines.

new series of six films in which

Dai Smith gives a personal view of the history of the

1.55 Ceefax.

5.45 Face the Press. Polly Toynbee of the Guardian and Peregrine Worsthorns of the Sunday Telegraph question the Bishop of Blomingham, the Rt Rev of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Hugh Monteflore.

6.15 Tennis: Dayle Cup from Telford, Highlights of the first round match between Great 8.05 One Pair of Eyes. The story of Simon Traheame, a mentally handicapped but energetic young man who believes th Britain and Italy. people like himself should be 7.15 The World at War. Pincers: given the opportunity to lead independent lives. August 1944-March 1945.

Wonderful archive film covering the eight month period in which the German Army was tottering to defeat but strong enough to crush a Polish assault and to inflict crushing casualties on the Allied forces at Arnhem. 8.15 The Jewel in the Crown.

Episode eight and with the death of Mabel, Barbie is humillated and forced to leave Rose Cottage (r). 9.15 The First Christian. Karen

Armstrong, a former nun, explores the life and teachings of St Paul. 10.15 Film: The Mystery of Mr X" (1934) starring Robert Montgomery, Thriller set in Victorian London about a

Raffles-type character suspected of being the maniac responsible for the murder of five policemen. Directed by Edgar Selwyn.

6.30 Black Magic with Stanley Black. 7.00 Jenny Pitman has a word with Williams. Jenny Pitman talks to Gerald Williams about some of the control and partners of her.

#### 11.50 Closedown.

2.45 Balakirev's Symph No 1 in C, played by the Royal Philharmonic Orch, conducted by Sir Thomas Becham (record).†
3.80 Obce and plano. Works by Williams about some of the

7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 It's A Bargain with Norman Tozer, 7.55 Weather, Travel;

Programme News.
4.00 News.
4.10 Today's Papers.
4.15 Sport On 4.
4.8 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57
Westher; Travel.

9.00 News. 8.05 Breakaway. Bernald Falk with holiday, travel and lelsure. 8.50 News Stand. Review of weekly

extracts? 11.35 From Our Own Correspondent.

BBC correspondents report from around the world.
1290 News; Money Box.
1227 The News Cutz. News of the last

1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? from

Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty-Minute Theatre 'Mary' by

Shipping Forecast. Weather; Travel; Programme

6.00 News: Sports Round-Up. 6.25 Desert Island Discs. Actor.

A look at the childhood of Sale:
A look at the childhood of Sale:
Loftus-Brigham.
S.30 Saturday-Night Theatre 'The
Tiger in the Smoke' by Margery
Allingham!
9.58 Weather.
10.0h Name:

10.15 You The Jury. Controversial

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BBC 1 WALES 5.15-5.20 Sports

Scoreboard, 19.40-11.30 Sportscene: Football & Cross-country: Highlights from the Scotlish National

RELAND 4.55-5.05 Northern Ireland Results. 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland

News. 12.55am News and weather. ENGLAND 5.15-5.20 London - Sport

South West - Spottight Sport all other English regions - Sport & Regional News. 1.00am Close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Week in Politics. 2.40 Basketball. 3.35 Film: Bitte Sweet Bride glopes with her music leacher, 5.05 Yr Awr Fawr, 6.05

Incredible Hulk. 7.00 Ser. 7.30 Newyoldion. 7.45 Siwrne Ddel 8.25

Treasura Hum. 9.25 Maes Chwarae. 10.15 Archwg. 10.45 Davis Cup Tennis. 11.45 Film: Spiral Staircase. 1.16em

ANGLIA As London except Starts
10.05-10.30 Stingray 5.36pm-6.30
Knight Rider. 11.15 Snooker. 12.40am
At the End of the Day, Closedown.

Championship, 1.00 Close. NORTHERN

Weather SCOTLAND 5.15-5.20

# Martin reflects on being a Christian in South India today. Animal Language. A 13-part series on sound continunication

12.08 News. 12.10 Weather 12.15 Shipping Forecast. 12.23 The Chip Shop with Berry

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ENGLAND VMF with 1f above excepts.25-6.30em Weather: Travel, 1.55-2.00pm Programm.
News. 5.50-6.55 Programms

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5.45 Critics Forum, Anthony Curtis
leads A S Byatt. Edward Lucis-Smith and Clancy Sigal in

egu scoush symphony
Orchestrs concert. Part one. Sir
Charles Groves conducts
performances of Vaughan
Williams's Wasps and
Reathough's Disno Concerts to

anniversary programmes begins with Elgars's The Apostles. Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducts BBC Symphony Orch, Chorus and Singers. Elgar conducts his own Elegy for Statement

discussions on arts, including BBC2 Strangers and Brothers

issues are put on trial.

serial and new galleries at the National Portrait Gallery. 5.35 Nicholas Danby. First of three

in animals, narrated by David
Attenborough (3) Trespessers
Will be Sung attr

11.45 A Sideways Look At . . . by
Anthony Smitt.

7.55 Weather, 2.00 News. 8.05 Aubade: Works by Lekeu,

Radio 3

8.05 Aubade: Works by Lekeu,
Weinberger, Brahms (Capriccio in
D minor). On records? 8.00 News.
9.05 Record Raview: Presented by
Paul Vaughen. Bryce Morrison
examines recordings of Chopin's
Fantaiske in F minort

10.15 Stereo Release. Includes records
of music by John Baston, Bach,
Rimsky-Korsakov and Jacobt

11.25 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestre concert. Part one. Sir

Willems's Wasps and Besthoven's Piano Concerto No 3 with Youri Egorov (plano): 12.10 Interval reading.

12.15 Concert: part two. Dvorak's Symph No 41 1.00 News.

1.85 Faure. Plano music played by Jean-Philippe Collard, including several Barcarollest.

2.00 Dreamers of Dreams. Dellus, Egar and Holst all died in 1934 within the space of four months, and a new series of 16 weekly anniversary programmes begins

Strings†
4.00 Schubert. String Quintet in C maj,
with Amadeus String Quartet!
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Peter

Davis Cup at Telford between Britain and Italy. Racing from Kempton Park. 2.15 The Mercades-Benz Handicap Chase. 2.45 The Tote Piacepot Hurdle. Rugby League: The State Express Challenge Cup; reports from one of this afternoon's top ties. Rugby Union: Commentary on The John Player 4th Round. 5.00 Sports Report. 5.50 Racing results. 5.55 Pools news and results. 6.00 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd. 7.09 Jazz Score with chairman Benny Green. 7.30 The Magic of Offenbech King of the Operetta (s) Concept recorded at the Fairfield Hall, Croydon. 8.15-8.25\* programmes of early romanti organ music from the Kloster Nerehelm monastery?

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS GRAMPIAN As London except: Starts 9.30am Noddy. 9.45 Smurfs. 10.10-10.39 Falcon Island. 5.35pm-6.39 Knight Rider. 11.15 Devist Consexion. 12.15am Newhart. 12.40

lections, Closedo ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Spece 1999, 10,20-10,30 Cartoon. 4.55pm-5.00 Sports results. 5.10 Fraggle Rock. 5.49-6.30 Knight rider. 11.15 Star Parade. 12.10am News.

SCOTTISH As London except 9,25am Cartoon, 9,35 Happy Days, 16,00 Flying Kiwi, 10,25-18,30 Mouse on Mars, 5,35pm-6,30 Kriight Rider, 11,15 Late Call, 11,20 Saturday Niight Music, Show, 12,20am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25cm Melotoons. 9.35 Flying Kiwl. 10.00-10.30 University

HTV As London except: 10.25am 10.20 Cartoon, 5.35pm; 4.30 Knight Riger, 11.15 HB Street Bluss, 12.15am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25em Wattoo Wattoo: 3.30 Nor Honeypot Competition Winner: 9.35 Smuris: 10.40-10.30 Mork and Mindy. 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider: 11.15 Jazz. 11.45 Company Toraght: 12.15 Company Closedown.

10.00 Naws. British Socialism Re

Road.
11.15 Inside Partiament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.16 Shipping Forecast. 12.23 The Chip Shop with Barry

Radio 3

Mass and muse at today.

11.28 From the Promis: Concert part one. SBC Philharmonic Orch. conductor Edward Downes, with Howard Shelley (plano). Elizabet Maconehy's Music for Strings (first performance), and Rachmaninov Plano Concerto N

10.45-11.25 Everyman: "Your Neighbour's Son - The Making of a Torkner" (as BBC1 10.55pm), 11.25-11.50 Phi Savers as Sot Bake in "Blike" Godson". 11.58-12.25em The World of 11.50 PM Sovers as Sp. panol of the Goddon"." 11.50-12.20em The World of Copiding. 12.20 News and weather. Scotland 1.25pm-1.50 Can Sec. 6.40-7.15 Glory Se. 16.05-11.00 Mr Speaker. Sir! 11.00-11.40 Everymen: "Your Neighbour's Son - The Making of a Torturer" (as BBC1 10.05pm). 11.40 News and weather. Northern Ireland 11.40pm News and weather.

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Paint Along

CHANNEL As London except: Starting Point, 2.30 Films; Nearest and

with Two's Best 2.00 isensy Greent 3.00 Alan Del with Sounds Easy 4.00 String Sound with Jean Chellief 4.30 Sing Something Simple with the Cliff Adarts Singers' 5.00 Charlie Chester with your Sunday Scepbox, Incl. 5.55 Sports Desk. 6.00 Cornedy Classics: The Men From The Ministry starring

HTV As London except: 9.25am Cartoon, 9.35-10,00 Falcon Island, 11.30-12.00 Me and My Camera. 1.00pm University Chellenge, 1.30-2.00 West Country Farming, 2.30 Big Match, 3.15-4.30 Film: Go West Young Girl (Karen Valentine), 5.30-5.30 Falcon Crest, 11.30 Roots of Rock'n'Ros. 12.30am Closedown, HTV WALES: No variation.

GRANADA As London except:
9.25am Professor
fitzel. 9.35-10.00 My Life. 11.00 Me and
My Camera. 11.25 Asp Kas Hak. 11.3012.00 This is Your Right. 1.00pm
University Chatlengs. 1.50-2.00 Metal
Mickey. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15 Carboon.
3.30-4.30 Return of the Saint. 5,30-6.30
Battlestar Galactica. 7.45-9.45 Findibuted Jordon.
11.30 That's Hollywood. 11.55 Jazz.
12.30em Closedown.

esame Street. 11.30-12.00 i'm Young

ULSTER As London except: Starts 11.00 Gerting On. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Camera. 1.80pm University Challenge, 1.30-2.00
Bygones, 2.30 Rig Match, 3.15 Centoon, 3.30-4.30 Little House on the Praine, 5.30 Smurts, 6.00-6.30 Higtory of Grand Prix, 11.30 Hands, 12.30 Sports Results, 12.05em News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25em 9.30
Life. 1.00 University Chasenge. 1.30Lub. 4.00 University Chasenge. 1.30Lub. 4.00-4.30 Benson. 5.30 News.
5.35-6.30 Battlestar Galactica. 12.00
Company Chaseform.

12.55 Weather. \_ -Radio 4 8.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News: Farming Today. Programme News. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm.

In Perspective with Rosema Hartill, 6.85 Weather, Travel

magazines.
10.05 The Week In Westminster.
10.30 Daily Servicet
10.45 Pick of the Week. TV and radio

2.65 Thirty-Minute Theatre 'Mary by Frances Gray!
2.35 Medicine Now. A report on the health of medical care.
3.05 Wildlife.
3.20 Home-ing In. Tips and techniques to help you save time and money if you do-it-yourself.
4.00 News; International Assignment.
4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled.

5.00 The Chip Shop with Barry Norman looking at new technology and its impact. 5.25 Week Ending, Satirical review of the week's news? 5.50 Shopping Foreset.

7.05 Stop the Week with Robert 7.45 Dystexia need not be a disaster

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GRANADA As London except 10.20am-10.30 Cartoon. 5.35pm-8.30 Knight Rider. 11.15 Roots of Rock 'N' Roll, 12.10em Film: Terror From Within. 1.38 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9,25am-9.30 Professor Kitzel, 5,35pm-5,30 Knight Rider, 11.15 Roots of Rock 'N' Roll. 12.15am

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25±m Morning Glory, 9.30 Sport Billy, 9.55-10,30 Flying Kwi. 10.25-10.30 TT Time, 5.05±m News, 5.07 Fraggie Rook, 5.40-5.30 Knight Filder, 11.18 Roots of Rock and Roll, 12.15±m Poet's corner,

TSW As London except: 9.25em Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.39 Freeze Frame. 5.85pm Newsport. 5.16 Fragole Rock. 5.40-6.30 Knight Rider. 11.15 Roots of Rock 'N' Roll. 12.15em

BORDER As London except: 9.50 Once Upon a Time-19.15-19.30 Smarts, 5.25pm-5.30 Knight Rider. 11.15 Fugitive. 12.15em Closedown. 11.15 Fugitive. 12.15am Clos

Chatenge. 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider 11.15 Snooker. 12.00 House Calls. CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Thunderbirds 10-29-10:39 Gus Hameybun, 5,05pm Gus Homeybun, 5,10 Fraggle Rock, 5,40-5,30 Knight Rider, 11,15 Roots of Rock 'N' Roll, 12,15am Closedown.

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HTV WALES As HTV West except 11.15pm Cup Rugby. 12.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.56am

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Seame Street. 10.30-11.00 Sport Bitly.
11.30-12.00 Me and My Camern.
1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30-2.00
Farming Outlook. 2.30 Film: Denovan's
Reef (John Wayne). 4.56 Scotsport. 5.30
Bulliseye. 6.00-5.30 Jack Holburn. 11.30
World of James Michener. 12.30am
Reflections, Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Flermwyr, 1.05
Eastern Eye, 2.00 Davis Cup
Tennis, 420 Wish You Wers Hers, 4.50
Marna Malone, 5.15 Sir William in
Search of Xanadu, 6.15 Davis Cup
Tennis, 7.15 Wil Cwat Cwat, 7.20
Newyddion, 7.30 Hatod Henri, 8.00
Rhegien Hywel Gwyntryn, 8.56 Dachrau
Canu Dechrau Camnol, 9.20 World At
War, 16,15 Film: Mask of Dimitrios.
11.55 Seven Days, 12.25am Closedown.

the carrienary year of the Fabian Society, David Watt presents his views of Socialism in Britain today. 11.00 An Unlikely Journey' (4) The

Norman.
ENGLAND VHF with above except: 6.45-7.45 am Open University: 6.45 introduction to Calculus. 7.5 Shalesepeare's History Plays. 7.25 Music Interlude. 1.55 pm Programme News. 4.00-4.00 Study on 4: 4.00 Styling in Business, 4.30 Get by in Portuguese. 5.00 L'Italia dei Vivo. 5.50 l'Olgame!

7.55 Weather 8.99 News. 8.85 Corell's Opus 6. Ls Petite Bands with the No 7 and No 9 versions of the Concerto Grosso. Also Georg Muttet's Armonico Tributo. Toscate No 7.1

Togoste No 7.1

S.00 News.
S.05 Your Concert Choice: Vaughan Willems's Tuba Concerto,
Jenacek Sults for string orchestra. Bishop's Lo hear the gentle lark, Mozart Seranade in F. Liext's Pealtm 157, Beethoven Symph No 1.1

10.30 Music Weeldy. Twentleth Century musical history, Joshua Rifikin's approach to the Bach B Min Mass and music in Albania lodey.f

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12.05 Interval Reading,†
12.16 From the Prome: part two.
Dvorak Symph No 6.†
1.00 Emmenuel Ax (plano) plays
Heydh Schatts in C misl,
Schoenberg's Six Little Pieces,
Beethoven Sonata in D maj
(Pastorali).†

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2.00 Boccerini and Haydn, Salomon String Quartet on authentic instruments plays Boccherini's String Quartet in C and Haydo's in F.f.

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schievements and selbacks of her career, 7.30 Grand Hotel. Max Jaffa and the Palm Court Orchestra, 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour from the Parish Church of St Haif-Hour from the Parish Church of St Paul, Cariton-in-the-Willows, Nottingham. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes with Alan Keith, incl. 10.2 Sports Desk. 10.06 Merching and Waltzing with John Marsh. 11.00 Sounds of Jezz with Steve Voce. 1.00em Jean Chaille presents Nightridet 3,00-4.00 Terry Wogan with Two's Besti

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Club. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 The Great
Rock 'n' Roll Trivis Cuizz. 5.00 Top 40
with Simon Bates. 7.00 Anna
Nightingale. 19.00 Robble Vincent with
the delights of dance music. 11.00—
12.00 From Mento to Lovers' Rock. A
history of Jameican music 9: Some
Aspects of the Lyrical Tradition. 1 VHF
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5.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00–4.00 With
Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

5.00sm Newsdesk, 7.08 World News. 7.29
News About Britain. 7.15 From Our Own
Correspondent, 7.30 The Seven Deadly Sins.
7.50 Recording of the Week. 8.09 World News.
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# Airman in Cyprus 'leak' inquiry

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

are investigating possible securtions of Russian-backed ity leaks involving young attempts to lure servicemen stationed at the into compromising situations in British bases there.
The Ministry of Defence yesierday confirmed that a Senior Aircraftman of the Royal

Air Force, whose name was not released, was "assisting the military authorities" investigating a possible unauthorized disclosure of official information. The investigations are said to be at an early stage, and it is not yet clear whether they will lead to a charge

Investigations into the matter, are said to have arisen after the aircraftman was lured into bed by a woman, possibly of Hungarian origin. These inquiries are said to have Russia is involved in attempts produced evidence of many to subvert servicement, their produced evidence of many to subvert servicemen, their approaches to young service- efforts would be likely to be

Intelligence officers in Cyprus refused to comment on suggesorder to extract official information from them.

Last year's Statement on the Defence Estimates gave the number of British servicemen in Cyprus as being 4,757, of whom 3,367 were soldiers, 1,375 airmen and 15 sailors. The 100 soldiers of the British contingent of the multinational peace-keeping force, who recently withdrew from Beirut, are now aboard the ship, RFA Reliant, off Cyprus.

Cyprus is an important communications and intelligence gathering centre covering large areas of the Middle East. If concentrated on those involved The Ministry of Defence in communications work.

#### Unita rebels hold 16 **Britons in Angola**

extracting high quality dia-monds from its bed.

There are few other inhabitants in the area and the mine is linked to Dundo, the administrative centre of the diamond mining area, by a continual shuttle flight. It is supplied by a



dirt road from Luanda and convoys of lorries have constantly been attacked on this raod by Unita guerrillas. In 1982 they blew up a bridge on this route and have continually threatened to attack the mines.

It is not clear whether the Unita guerrillas which attacked Kafunfu came over the boarder from Zaire, which offers them support, or whether they are one of the groups which have been infiltrating up the eastern border of Angola.

The attack seems to be an attempt by Unita to stake its claim to a part in the negotiations between Angola and South Africa which have led to the setting up of a joint commission to monitor a

Ceasefire inquiry, page 6

Today's events

Royal engagements

New exhibitions

Duchess of Gloucester carries out

engagements in Liverpool; as Patron. National Association of

Gifted Children visits Mersey & Wirral branch, Paddington Compre-

bensive School, arrives 10.45; and later opens Thirtmere Green Development, 12.10. At 12.55 Her Royal Highness visits Huyton College, Knowsley.

Tim Whittaker - photographic exhibition: Museum of Lakeland Life Industry, Abbot Hall, Kendal, Cumbria: Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30,

Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 22).

10.30 to 4.50 (ends March 24).

Last chance to see

Sat II to 8.

Music

Birmingham, 7,30.

Shoes; and hand-made lace; both at Guildford House Gallery, 155 High Street, Guildford; Mon to Sat

Printmakers, an exhibition of work by Cheryl Aaron, Anita Ford, Julia Wilson and Pat Schaverien,

Playhouse Gallery, Harlow, Essex;

"Past Imperfect" - work by Marc Camille Chaimowicz John Hansard Gallery, the University, Southamp-ton; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sun.

The Canadian Landscape: paintings selected from the Ontario Heritage Foundation: City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Phynouth: Sat 10 to 6.

British Studio Glass, Glasgow Art

Gallery and Museum. Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Sat 10 to 5 (ends today).

Concert by the Birmingham Bach ociety, Birmingham Cathedral,

Concert by the Wessex Chamber Choir. Bath Abbey Bath, 7,30. Concert by the University Chamber Orchestra. Turner Sima

Concert Hall, Southampton University, Southamptom, 8.
Concert by the Orchestra De Camera, Benn Hall, Rugby, 8.

Eleanor Wind Quintet, Lavenham Guildhall, Suffolk 7.30.

The 4th Bristol classic motorcycle show, Bristol Exhibition Centre, Bristol, 10 to 7, tomorrow 10 to 7,

(until 26 Feb)
Turner and Constable Day
School – one day conference of
lectures and discussions on the work

of the two artists, the Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, 10 to

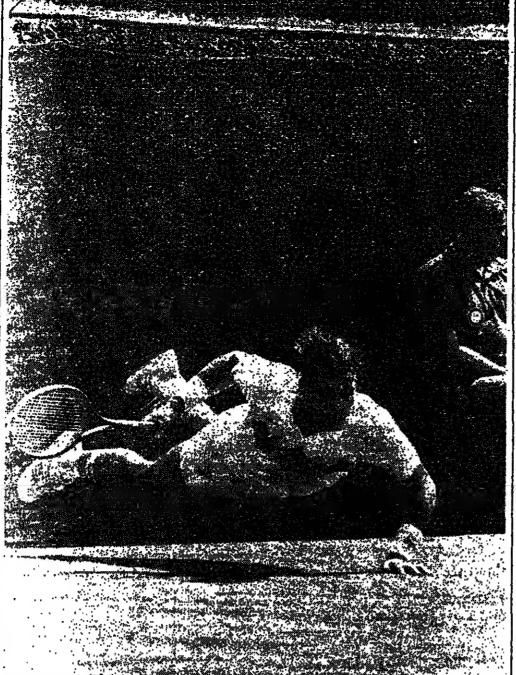
Duchess of Gloucester, patron. Association for Spina Bifida and Hydro Cephalus, attends Night of a

Hundred Stars, Theatre Road,

Tomorrow

Royal engagements

Last chance to see



Levitating Lendl: voted Sports Picture of the Year in a Sports Council and Royal Photographic Society competition. Chris Cole took the picture of Ivan Lendl for The Times at Queen's Club, London last summer with a Canon A1 camera (300mm lens, speed 1/1,000th, aperture F5.6) on Kodak Tri-X film.

#### Drivers end blockade in France

on the centre-right of the Socialist party, is one of the most popular ministers in the Government, M. Fiterman is a Communist. The Government, which at one time looked as though it was losing control of the situation, appears to have come well out of the dispute, demonstrating firmness with restraint and keeping its sang-

Continued from page 1.

froid throughout.
The European Commission announced in Brussels it will back owners' legal claims for compensation.

The six blockades still in place yesterday evening were at Quimper and Brest in Brittany, at Tartas and Melihan in the Landes: at Poucy-Lescares in the Pryrences Atlantiques, and at Bayau in the Nord Depart-

Surprisingly few violent incidents have been reported considering the huge number of people affected by the dispute

A few incensed motorists tried to storm through the blockades. Two people died But most of the injuries or deaths were accidental. A British lorry was the cause of one such fatal accident fear Marseilles early yesterday morning.

At Sallanches, on the approach road to the Mont Blanc tunnel where the blockades had all been cleared. British drivers were toasting the caretaker of the local sports hall, M Michelle Astier and his wife Michelle. who accommodated dozens of them in conditions so bitter that some of their antifreeze liquid froze. Forty of them gave M Astier a carriage clock and his wife flowers to show their

gratitude. "If it had not been for the hospitality of these people quite possibly some of us would have frozen to death in our cabs". said Mr Jack Teather of Bradford.

British motorists were given the all clear yesterday to head Patricia Clough in the Italian Alps

# Juggernauts hit the long road home

tunnel and home yesterday after the French lonry drivers lifted the blockade which had kept him and more than 20.
British colleagues stranded at
Countayeur, on the FrenchItalian border for more than a

"All being well, I'll be home tomorrow morning." Mr

He was among the first 50 lorry drivers allowed through the tunnel soon after 10am. Half an hour later, the first of another 50 sent through from the French side, drew up at the talian customs post here.

"No one is going to be feeping to the speed limit today," said another British driver as he watched the first lorries leave. "We all want to be home as fast as possible." Word that the blockade was

breaking up spread like wild-fire among the drivers as they awoke in their icy cabins along the high mountain road.... The air soon became thick with choking clouds of diesel

smoke from long-idle engines as the great lorries skidded and heaved in the filthy snow. As a precaution against jams in the tunnel, French and Italian border police initially sent lorries rough in batches of 50, but by lunchtime, traffic was flowing normally.

Intense relief spread among the long drivers who has become extremely edgy as the blockade wore on and had begun demanding that the British Government by them home. There was also relief among the 16 to 20 coach drivers who had been worried as to how they would get their. drivers had complained that large parties of schoolchildren the blockade was running them

Waving cheerly, Mr Tony vesterday were Mr Neil Cook Crover, of Southampton, head and his co-driver, Mr Nicky ed his great juggernaut Jones with their party of 40 towards the Mont Blanc children and 10 teachers from and his co-driver. Mr Nicky Jones with their party of 40 children and 10 teachers from

Ludlow.
"I don't know what we would have done if they hadn't lifted the blockade."
Mr Cook said. "We were going.

to go through the St Bernardo
Pass to Switzerland and back
via Germany. But we just
heard that the pass has been blocked by avalanches.
We've heard that we can get all the way through France, Some lorry drivers were biding their time for a few hours fearing that the road would be closed again and

they would be trapped in "I'm going to go ahead but if they stop me agian, I shall do something ailly." said Mr Gerald Kelly, of London. "I've been here nine days, and I don't want to be stuck any

ionger. Down at the carabinieri station in Courmayeur, Mr Cyril Cole, the British Consul in Milan was handing out money to drivers who had run short, "Their requests were very reasonable, the maxi-mum was a hundred pounds." Official regulations for lend-

ing money to stranded Britons - either to have the money deposited with the Foreign Office in London, or to exchange their passports for a Temporary substitute - was waived Instead; the drivers were being simply asked to sign an undertaking that they would repay the money. "What happens next is not

any responsibility." Mr Cole said the question of repay-ment would be sorted out in London. Some of the owner drivers had complained that ome. and that they had no money Among the first to leave left.

#### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Large crane expected to cause some

delays in the Strand. Wellington Road South, Bloomsbury closed due

to sewer work; diversions. A4: Cromwell Road, British Telecom

work on junction of Cromwell Road with Gloucester Road.

Farnworth, Greater Manchester, is

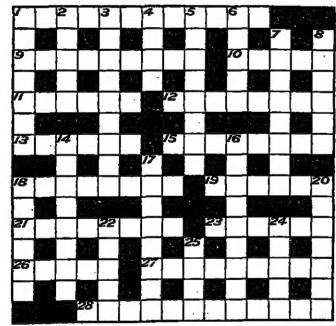
lights.
Scotland: A91: Single lane north
side of St Andrews. A92: Single lane
between A914 and A919 junction,
south of Tay Road bridge. Fife. A92:
Northbound carriageway closed,
two ways on southbound: one mile
north of Glenrothes. Fife. Care
required.
Information supplied by AA

Anniversaries

# tion of Puzzle No. 16,358



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.364



#### ACROSS

- I Article in tree is, perhaps,
- 10 Where bad drivers can end up
- 11 To do a favour in return, I'll accept one pound (6).
- in a cutter (8).
- 13 Riddle whose meaning
- heartlessly obscure (6). 15 Ball, in a manner of speaking
- 18 What's left without a memento?
- 19 Crush the spirit (6).
- 21 Dance with lout not a publicity 23 Smear with mud the bottom half
- of a U-boat (6).
- 26 Stray, wandering deity (5). 27 Travelling, I can take time with
- 28 Doctor is tipsy chart needs

- Welcome shower (4).
- to be ill (8). 6 Be off the point? Stuff! (5).
- 16 Having been elected. Attlee was harsh (9)

- 20 Tabitha's moved home (7). 22 Look up about the sappers in
- battle (5). fiddle (5). 25 Call for attention loudly, then

- 1 Engaging to lose the rest, by implication (7). See the state of the place! (5).
- 5 Miserable, we would go outside
- 7 Answer to sum not right, not quite (8).
- a sacrifice (8).
- 37 Frenzied protest murderer
- 18 Hardy is right to love sculpture
- 75th annual Arts Club exhibition the Manor House. Castle Yard. Ilkley, Yorkshire; Tues to Sun-10 to 5 (ends today).

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr. M. J. Goodman, 54 Church Sn Northborough, Peterborough, N. K. Willson, Grange Gardens House, Cambridge ( 9.15: J. C. Hicks, 14 St. Alban's Avenue, London W4.

#### In the garden Roads London and South-east: WC2:

The best time to propagate snowdrops and crocuses is while they are in bloom or after flowering, before the leaves die down. Lift the before the leaves one nown. Litt me clump and divide it into individual bulbs and replant them. It is surprising how fast one can multiply these bulbs by division. It is a good time to tidy up flower beds and borders, removing the old, dead, cut-down, stems of herbaccous plants and lightly loosening the soil with a hand fork.

Herbaccous plants may be lifted

and divided now if one wishes to increase the stock. Michaelmas daisses are best lifted and divided about every three years. Take off and replant single shoots with plenty of roots. These divisions will

produce large flower heads while the old clumps will produce progressively smaller flowers each year.

On fine days if you have the energy, give the lawn a vigorous raking with a wire take to drag out raking with a ward decayed grass mowings that have built up into a thick "thatch". Then, in early March, apply the first of two dressings of a general soluble RH

#### National Day

Kuwait's National Day falls on the date of accession to the throne of Sheikh Abdullah al-Salim al-Sabah in 1961. In June of the same year the state gained its full indepen dence after more than 60 years as British protectorate.

#### The pound

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	Bank		Births: Carlo Goldoni, dramatist. Venice. 1707; Pierre Renoir.
	Bays		Impressionist painter, Limoges,
Australia S	1.62	1.54	France, 1841; Enrico Caruso,
Austria Sch	28.45		Naples, 1873; Dame Myra Hess,
Belgiam Fr	85.00		pianist London, 1890. Deaths:
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Denmark Kr	14.70		Robert Devereux, 200 Carl of Essex.
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day, and in every way, I am becoming better and better"), Troyes, France, 1857; Sir Harry Lander, Strathaven, 1950, First issue of £1 and £2 notes. The

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#### Weather

A ridge of high pressure over England and Wales will extend slowly northwards. 6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia, Channel islands: Cloudy with isolated wintry showers; wind NE moderate, max temp 3 to 5C (37-41F).

Central S, SW, NNW, central N, NE England, S W Wales, Lake District, iste of Man, Bordera, Edinburgh, Dendee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Some overnight fog patches, rather cloudy, mainly dry, a law surry infarrulas in sheltered areas; wind, variable of NE fight; max 4 of 5C (39-41F).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Sheltand, Northern irelande Cloudy with a little rain or drizzis in places; wind SW, stainly light; max temp 7 to 9C (45-48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: mainly cloudy but dry in northern and western districts; cloudy with outbreaks of sieet or snow in E and S.

SEA PASSAGES: S North: Saz; Straits with Gloucester Road.

Midlands: A10: Traffic signals along St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire. A45: Roadworks on Coventry-Daventry road at Fosse Crossing, Warwickshire. A34: Temporary traffic signals located south of Newbold on Stour, Warwickshire.

Wales and West: A30: Resurfacing on westbound carriageway Cambourne by-pass. A361: Single lane and temporary signals on Trowbridge to Hilperton road. Wiltshire. A35: Temporary traffic signals at Bow Bridge on Axminster to Honiton road at Longhwood.

North: A575: Egerton Street in Road; diversions. A19/A1046: Reconstruction work at Portrack roundabout, Cleveland, north of River Tees. A689: Remedial work to structure of Waskerley Bridge, Wolsignham, co Durham; traffic lights.

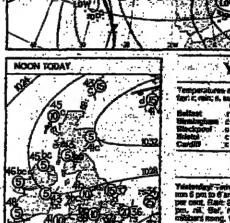
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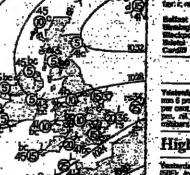
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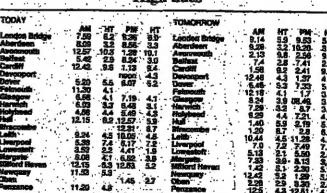




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